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The emphasis is on Canada and Nova Scotia.

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From: Doug McCann
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Date: 1/4/01 9:51AM
Subject: IPPI; RMPI; Crude Oil, Natural Gas

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada November 2000, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 130.1 over October 2000, and increased +5.2% over November 1999.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada November 2000, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +2.1% to 153.8 over October 2000, and increased +18.9% over November 1999.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -0.5% to 122.8 over October 2000, and increased +3.4% over November 1999.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS OCTOBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada October 2000, production of crude oil increased +3.0% to 10.7 million cubic metres over October 1999. Year-to-date production increased +5.2% to 106.1 million cubic metres over Jan-Oct 1999.

In Canada October 2000, production of natural gas increased +1.8% to 14.2 billion cubic metres over October 1999. Year-to-date production increased +2.3% to 137.5 billion cubic metres over Jan-Oct 1999.

From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Labour Force Survey

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY December 2000
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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada December 2000 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.2 million, employment increased +0.2% to 15.1 million, unemployment declined -0.8% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.1% to 6.8% over November 2000.

In Nova Scotia December 2000 labour force increased +0.7% to 467,400, employment increased +1.3% to 425,600, unemployment declined -4.8% to 41,800 and the unemployment rate declined -0.6 percentage points to 8.9% over November 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada December 2000 labour force increased +2.2% to 16.0 million, employment increased +2.2% to 15.0 million, unemployment increased +2.1% to 1.0 million, and the unemployment rate declined -0.1 percentage points to 6.4% over December 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000 labour force increased +2.3 to 461,600, employment increased +3.0% to 422,500, unemployment declined -4.6% to 39,200 and the unemployment rate declined -0.6 percentage points to 8.5% over December 1999.

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Subject: Tourism; Natural Gas

NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 3RD QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-009-XIB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, tourism expenditures (unadjusted) increased +6.0% to $19.5 billion over 3rd quarter 1999. Spending by foreign tourists in Canada increased +4.1% to $7.0 billion, while spending by Canadian tourists in Canada increased +7.1% to $12.6 billion.

Employment generated by tourism activity (unadjusted) increased +5.3% to 571,500 persons over 3rd quarter 1999.

NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 2000
Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate

In Nova Scotia November 2000, natural gas production was down slightly to 390.9 million cubic metres from the high point of 394.4 million cubic metres in October.

From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Low income

LOW-INCOME CUTOFFS 1999 AND LOW-INCOME MEASURES 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75F0002MIE099917
http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/75F0002MIE/75F0002MIE00017.pdf

Low-income cutoffs (LICOs) are income thresholds below which families may devote a larger share of income to food, shelter and clothing. LICOs taking into account community and family size.

Low-income measures (LIMs) are a relative measure of income reflecting family size and composition.

A new Statistics Canada publication is now available, at no charge, on the internet.

Selected LICOs 1999 (After Tax)

Family size	Rural	Urban less than 30,000	Urban less than 99,999
1 person	9,684	11,194	12,250
2 person	11,817	13,659	14,957
3 person	14,946	17,276	18,905

Selected LIMs 1998 (After tax)

Family size	1998
One adult	11,407
Two adults/one child	15,970

From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Building Permits

BUILDING PERMITS NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

In Nova Scotia the value of residential building permits increased +13.2%, but the value of non-residential building permits declined -60.2%.

In Canada November 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to $3.2 billion over October 2000. Year to date value increased +7.1% to $34.5 billion over Jan-Nov 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -25.4% to $57.5 million over October 2000. Year to date value increased +0.5% to $850.0 million over Jan-Nov 1999.

From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Housing Price Index

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

Higher prices for building materials and labour contributed to a +1.0% increase in new housing price index in Halifax in November 2000.

In Canada November 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 104.3 over October 2000, and increased +2.5% over November 1999.

In Halifax November 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +1.0% to 116.7 over October 2000, and increased +2.9% over November 1999.

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Subject: Motor Vehicles; Telecommunications

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada 63-007-XIB

In Canada November 2000, unit sales (seasonally adjusted) of new motor vehicles increased +3.4% to 127,292 units over October 2000, and declined -3.3% over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, unit sales (seasonally adjusted) of new motor vehicles increased +0.9% to 3,495 units over October 2000, and declined -5.8% over November 1999.

TELECOMMUNICATION STATISTICS 2ND QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-002-XIB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, operating revenues increased +5.1% to $7.5 billion over 2nd quarter 1999. Employment declined -0.5% to 79,216 full-time employees.

From: Doug McCann
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Subject: Labour Force; Services Indicators

LABOUR FORCE UPDATE - YEAR-END REVIEW 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XIE, Vol. 2 No. 1
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001

In the last year, and over the last four years Nova Scotia has performed above the national average in growth in labour force participation, and reduction in the unemployment rate.

In Nova Scotia 2000, participation rate (actual) has increased +0.7 percentage points to 61.7% over 1999, and increased +1.8 percentage points since 1997. The unemployment rate declined -0.5 percentage points to 9.1 over 1999, and declined -3.0 percentage points since 1997.

In Canada 2000, participation rate (actual) has increased +0.3 percentage points to 65.9% over 1999, and increased +1.0 percentage points since 1997. The unemployment rate declined -0.8 percentage points to 6.8% over 1999, and declined -2.3 percentage points since 1997.

SERVICES INDICATORS 3RD QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-016-XIB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, services sector employment increased +1.3% or by 139,000 full-time jobs over the 2nd quarter 2000. Over the previous year 302,900 jobs (91% full-time) have been created.

Computer and related services GDP (annualized at factor cost) increased +4.3% to $13.5 billion over the previous quarter and +14.2% over the 3rd quarter 1999. Employment increased +4.4% to 239,000 over the 2nd quarter and +11.6% over the 3rd quarter 1999.

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Subject: CPI; Wholesale Trade

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XPB

In Canada December 2000, core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) declined -0.3% to 112.7 over November 2000, and increased +2.0% over December 1999.

(Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

In Canada December 2000, the consumer price index (1992=100), not seasonally adjusted, increased +0.1% to 115.1 over November 2000, and increased +3.2% over December 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, the consumer price index (1992=100), not seasonally adjusted, declined -0.2% to 116.0 over November 2000, and increased +3.6% over December 1999.

WHOLESALE TRADE NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada November 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.7% to $31.7 billion over October 2000, and increased +2.1% over November 1999. Inventories increased +0.7% to $43.4 over October 2000, and increased +5.4% over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, wholesale merchants' sales declined -0.9% to $577 million over October 2000, and increased +7.0% over November 1999.

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Subject: Int'l Merchandise Trade; Travel

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada 65-001-XPB
Industry Canada

In Canada November 2000, merchandise export trade (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.8% to $35.5 billion over October 2000, and increased +12.2% over November 1999. Year-to-date exports increased +15.4% to $379.4 billion over Jan-Nov 1999.

In Canada November 2000, merchandise import trade (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.2% to $31.1 billion over October 2000, and increased +10.1% over November 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +11.5% to $331.8 billion over Jan-Nov 1999.

In Nova Scotia January-October 2000, merchandise export trade increased +25.4% to $4.1 billion over Jan-Oct 1999. Merchandise imports increased +24.5% to $4.6 billion over Jan-Oct 1999.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada November 2000, Canadian trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.6% to 3.9 million trips over October 2000. Travel to Canada (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to 4.0 million trips.

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Subject: Manufacturers' Shipments; Retail Trade; Natural Gas

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

In Canada November 2000, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $45.7 billion over October 2000, and increased +7.5% over November 1999. Inventories increased +1.2% to $61.7 billion over October 2000, and increased +11.7% over November 1999. Unfilled orders declined -0.1% to $55.3 billion over October 2000, and increased +2.3% over November 1999. New orders declined -0.1% to $45.6 billion over October 2000, and increased +7.9% over November 1999. The inventories to shipments ratio increased to 1.35 from 1.34 in October 2000.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, manufacturer's shipments increased +8.2% to $729 million over October 2000.

RETAIL TRADE NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

n Canada November 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $23.4 billion over October 2000, and increased +6.1% over November 1999. Unadjusted retail sales increased +7.1% to $23.8 billion over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.8% to $716 million over October 2000, and increased +3.4% over November 1999. Unadjusted retail sales increased +3.6% to $735 million over November 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 55-002-XIB
Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate

In Canada November 2000, natural gas sales increased +12.1% to 6.6 billion cubic metres over November 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +8.0% to 59.1 billion cubic metres over Jan-Nov 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, natural gas sales were reported as 391 million cubic metres, and year-to-date sales as 3.2 billion cubic metres.

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Subject: Composite Index; In'l Trade Securities; Employment Insurance; Large Retailers

COMPOSITE INDEX DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada December 2000, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 166.6 over November 2000.

This is the first Canadian decline since 1995. The U.S. Composite leading indicator has been declining since May 2000.

Component indices are equally split between increases and declines.

Five of ten indices were positive.

Business and personal services employment increased +0.4% to 2.5 million.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.1% to $93.3 billion.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.6% to $23.6 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.6% to $1.5 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.2% to $7.1 billion

Five of ten indices were negative.

The housing index (1992=100) declined -1.3% to 99.8.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -2.9% to 9,804.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.2 % to 108.0.
The average workweek (manufacturing) declined -0.8% to 38.4 hours.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.91 from 1.92 in November.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES NOVEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XIB

In Canada November 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$706 million. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$35.2 billion.

In Canada November 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an inflow of +$2.6 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$45.9 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE NOVEMBER 2000

In Canada November 2000, the number of beneficiaries (unadjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -7.4% to 419,380 over November 1999.

In Nova Scotia November 2000, the number of beneficiaries (unadjusted) receiving regular benefits

increased +0.3% to 27,700 over November 1999.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS NOVEMBER 2000

In Canada November 2000, sales the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +7.9% to $7.1 billion over November 1999.

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Subject: Building Permits; Help-wanted

BUILDING PERMITS DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIB

Four of ten provinces recorded increases in the value of building permits, with Nova Scotia ranking third highest, in December 2000.

In Canada December 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.3% to $3.2 billion over November 2000. Year-to-date value increased +5.4% to $37.7 billion over Jan-Dec 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +10.8% to $62.9 million over November 2000. Year-to-date value increased +0.6% to $912.2 million over Jan-Dec 1999. Over the year, increases in the value of residential building permits (+8.5%) were offset by declines in the value of non-residential building permits (-8.2%).

HELP-WANTED INDEX JANUARY 2001

In Canada January 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100), seasonally adjusted and smoothed, declined -2.2% to 177 over December 2000, and increased +4.7% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100), declined -1.8% to 162 over December 2000, and declined -3.6% over January 2000.

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Subject: Nova Scotia Natural Gas

NATURAL GAS 2000
Nova Scotia Petroleum Directorate
Statistics Canada

In Nova Scotia 2000, total natural gas production was 3.6 billion cubic metres. In this start-up year, average production, over the year, was 9.9 million cubic metres per day. In the last quarter, average daily production was about 12.5 million cubic metres.

For the period Jan-Nov the export value (F.O.B. St. Stephens, N.B.) of Nova Scotia natural gas is currently being reported as $661.6 million. It is estimated that the final export value for 2000 will be about $750 million.

Statistics Canada also reports total marketable production, priced (Henery-Hub) at the well-head as $796 million for natural gas, and $115 million for natural gas by-products. Total 2000 value is estimated to be about $911 million.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY JANUARY 2001
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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada January 2001 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.1 million, employment remained unchanged at 15.1 million, unemployment increased +0.9% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.1 percentage points to 6.9% over December 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001 labour force declined -1.3% to 461,400, employment declined -2.2% to 416,400, unemployment increased +7.7% to 45,000 and the unemployment rate increased -+0.9 percentage points to 9.8% over December 2000.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada January 2001 labour force increased +2.1% to 15.9 million, employment increased +2.0% to 14.7 million, unemployment increased +4.3% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.2
percentage points to 7.5% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001 labour force remained unchanged at 449.5, employment declined -0.5% to 400,800, unemployment increased +4.5% to 48,700 and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 10.8% over January 2000.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada 62-007-XPB

In Canada December 2000, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 104.4 over November 2000, and increased +2.4% over December 1999.

In Halifax December, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 116.7, and increased +2.9% over December 1999.

BIOTECHNOLOGY USE AND DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

In Canada 1999, there were 361 biotechnology firms. Revenues increased +25% to $1.9 billion over 1998 (Ontario = $635 million; Quebec = $554 million). Research and development expenditures increased +16% to $822 million over 1998 (Ontario = $222 million; Quebec = $337 million; British Columbia = $137 million).

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Subject: Machinery Price Index

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRICE INDEX 4TH QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, the machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) increased +1.7% to 135.6 over the previous quarter and increased +2.5% over the 4th quarter 1999.

Increases by industry generally ranged from 1.4% to 3.7%, except for agriculture where the index increased +0.4% over the same period last year.

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Subject: Productivity; Apartment Building Price Index

PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH IN CANADA 1961-99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-204.xie

In Canada 1961-99, labour productivity increased an average of +2.0% per year, and multifactor productivity increased about +1.2% per year.

Labour productivity has been the engine of growth in the services-producing sectors since 1961. Capital has been the engine of growth in the goods-producing sector, until the 1990's when multifactor productivity became predominant.

In general, productivity growth has been passed on to consumers in the form of lower prices, versus higher wages for workers.

As a percentage of GDP investment in machinery and equipment has remained relatively constant, but total investment has declined (lower investment, as a percentage of GDP, in construction).

APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 4TH QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, the apartment building construction price index (1992=100) increased +0.8% to 120.6 over the 3rd quarter 2000, and increased +5.5% over the 4th quarter 1999.

In Halifax 4th quarter 2000, the apartment building construction price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 111.8 over the 3rd quarter 2000, and increased +2.9% over the 4th quarter 1999.

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Subject: CPI; Motor Vehicle Sales

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX JANUARY 2001
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In Canada January 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.3% to 114.7 over December 2000, and increased +3.0% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.6% to 115.3 over December 2000, and increased +2.9% over January 2000.

In Canada January 2001, core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) declined -0.2% % to 112.5 over December 2000, and increased +2.0% over January 2000.

(Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada December 2000, sales of new motor vehicles (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.5% to 131,151 units over November 2000, and declined -8.9% over December 1999. Unadjusted unit sales declined -12.4% to 116,162 in December 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +3.0% to 1.6 million vehicles over Jan-Dec 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, sales of new motor vehicles (seasonally adjusted) increased +5.0% to 3,946 units over November 2000, and declined -6.1% over December 1999. Unadjusted units sales declined -8.6% to 3,049 in December 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +2.3% to 44,357 over Jan-Dec 1999.

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Subject: Travel

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada 66-001-PIB

In Canada December 2000, the number of trips abroad by Canadians (seasonally adjusted) declined -4.8% to 3.7 million over November 2000, and declined -5.0% over December 1999. Year to date number of trips abroad (unadjusted) increased +1.6 to 47.2 million over 1999.

Trips to Canada by foreigners (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.7% to 4.0 million trips over November 2000, and declined -0.4% over December 1999. Year-to-date trips to Canada (unadjusted) declined -0.9% to 48.6 million over 1999.

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Subject: Manufacturing Shipments; Technology in the workplace; Union Wage Rates

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XPB

Shipments, inventories, unfilled orders and new orders all declined in Canada, December 2000.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, manufacturer's shipments increased +2.0% to $739 million over November 2000.

In Canada December 2000, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.8% to $45.1 billion over November 2000, and increased +4.0% over December 1999.

Inventories declined -1.3% to $61.0 billion over November 2000, and increased +9.8% over December 1999.

Unfilled orders declined -0.6% to $55.0 billion over November 2000, and remained unchanged December 1999.

New orders declined -1.2% to $44.7 billion over November 2000, and increased +1.1% over December 1999.

The inventories to shipments ratio declined to 1.35 from 1.36 in November 2000 and increased from 1.28 in December 1999..

WORKPLACE AND EMPLOYEE SURVEY 1999

Establishments implementing computer technology are bearing the costs of training, equipment and software.

Over 50% of employees in workplaces that invest in computer technology receive formal or informal computer-related training. The propensity to training, however, does not spill over in to non-computer related areas in these workplaces.

Training rates increase relative to the per capita investment increase in computer technology. Where 19% of employees received training where per capita investment was less than $700, 32% received training in workplaces where per capita investment was greater than $2,500.

Layoff rates tend to be lower (3.4% vs 5.1%) in workplaces that invest in computer technollogy. Employment growth was about the same (4.4% vs 4.1%) between computer technology implementors and non-implementors.

Only 7% of employees reported learning computer applications at university or throiugh self-paid formal training. 44% of employees were trained on-the-job, and 23% received formal company-paid training. 45% of employees reported being self-taught on computer applications.

CONSTRUCTION UNION WAGE RATE INDEX JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada January 2001 the construction union wage rate index (1992=100) remained unchanged over December 2000, and increased +2.4% to 117.8 over January 2000.

In Halifax January 2001, the construction union wage rate index (1992=100) remained unchanged over December 2000, and increased +1.2% to 116.0 over January 2000.

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WHOLESALE TRADE DECEMBER 2000
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In Canada December 2000, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $31.7 billion over November 2000, and increased +1.7% over December 1999. Inventories increased +0.6% to $43.7 billion over November 2000, and increased +4.4% over December 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, wholesale merchants' sales increased +1.4% to $581 million over November 2000, and declined -0.1% over December 1999.

COMPOSITE INDEX JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

For the second month in a row, the Composite leading index has been negative.

In Canada January 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 166.3 over December 2000.

Five of ten indices were positive. (Down from 7 in December)

The housing index (1992=100) increased +3.5% to 103.2.
Business and personal services employment increased +0.4% to 2.5 million.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.1% to $93.4 billion.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.1% to $23.6 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.5% to $1.5 billion.

Four of ten indices was negative. (Up from 2 in December)

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.3 % to 107.5.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -3.9% to 9,419.
The average workweek (manufacturing) declined -0.3% to 38.5 hours.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined from 1.91 to 1.89.

One of ten indices was unchanged
Other durable goods sales (1992$) remained unchanged at $7.1 billion

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE DECEMBER 2000
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In December 2000 Canada ran an international merchandise balance of trade surplus of $5.8 billion. Over the year, the accumulated surplus was $54.5 billion.

In Canada December 2000, merchandise exports increased +15.7% to $36.8 billion over December 1999. Year to date exports increased +15.8% to $417.7 billion over Jan-Dec 1999.

In Canada December 2000, merchandise imports declined -0.4% to $31.0 billion over December 1999. Year-to-date imports increased +11.1% to $383.2 billion over Jan-Dec 1999.

PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT INTENTIONS 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-205-XIB

In Canada, capital spending intentions of private and public organizations is expected to increased +1.7% to $183.1 billion over 2000. Capital spending in 2000 increased +5.0% to 180.0 billion over 1999.

In Nova Scotia, capital spending intentions of private and public organizations is expected to decline -0.2% to $4.2 billion over 2000. Capital spending in 2000 declined -16.0% to $4.2 billion over 1999.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DECEMBER 2000

In Canada December 2000, the number of beneficiaries (unadjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -7.2% to 501,700 recipients over December 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, the number of beneficiaries (unadjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -0.9% to 30,290 over December 1999.

NATURAL GAS SALES DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada December 2000, natural gas sales increased +17.0% to 8.4 billion cubic metres over December 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +9.0% to 72.2 billion cubic metres over Jan-Dec 1999.

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RETAIL TRADE DECEMBER 2000
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Nova Scotia at +4.3%, ranked 12th out of 13 provinces and territories for growth in retail sales in 2000. National average was 6.3%.

In Canada December 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.9% to $23.7 billion over November 2000, and increased +5.1% over December 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +6.3% to $277.2 billion over Jan-Dec 1999.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.0% to $736 million over November 2000, and increased +4.4% over December 1999. Year-to-date retail sales increased +4.3% to $8.5 billion over Jan-Dec 1999.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada December 2000, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$21.6 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$18.8 billion.

In Canada December 2000, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$16.1 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$62.9 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

FARM CASH RECEIPTS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-001-XIB

In 2000, crop receipts declined -2.7%, livestock receipts increased +10.4% and direct program payments increased +42.3%.

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +3.6% to $8.5 billion over 4th quarter 1999. In 2000, farm cash receipts increased +6.7% to $32.5 billion over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 4th quarter 2000, farm cash receipts increased +0.8% to $119 million over the 4th quarter 1999. In 2000, farm cash receipts increased +5.3% to $414 million over 1999.

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HEALTH REPORTS 1998/99
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In Nova Scotia 1998/99, while the number of hysterectomies have increased, (from 1,638 to 1,720) hysterectomy rates have declined sharply over 1981/82, from about 1,000 per 100,000 women aged 35 or older to about 700 per 100,00.

Hospital stays for hysterectomies also declined from an average of 9.9 days in 1981/82 to 4.6 days in 1998/99.

In Nova Scotia 1969/85 the incidence rate for colorectal cancer was increasing at a rate of +1.03% per year for men, and declining at a rate of -0.76% per year for women. In the period 1986/96 the incidence rate of colorectal cancer was declining at a rate of -0.84% per year for men and -1.25% per year for women. In 1996 the rate per 100,000 men was 65.72 (Canada = 60.04), and per 100,000 women was 48.54. (Canada = 40.41)

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 4TH QUARTER 2000

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, the international travel account had a deficit of -$586 million. Year-to-date, the deficit was -$2.2 billion.

Payments (Canadian spending abroad) in 2000 increased +6.7% to $18.0 billion, and receipts (foreigners spending in Canada) increased +4.2% to $15.7 billion.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada December 2000, production of crude oil increased +2.3% to 11.1 million cubic metres over December 1999. Year-to-date production increased +4.7% to 128.0 million cubic metres over Jan-Dec 1999.

In Canada December 2000, production of natural gas increased +7.7% to 15.5 billion cubic metres over December 1999. Year-to-date production increased +3.4% to 167.8 billion cubic metres over Jan-Dec 1999.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX JANUARY 2001
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In Canada January 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) declined -0.2% to 128.6 over December 2000 and increased +3.1% over January 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada January 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +0.7% to 144.0 over December 2000, and increased +6.4% over January 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -0.4% to 123.8 over December 2000, and increased +1.7% over January 2000.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 4TH QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-008-XIE

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, net profits)(seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $32.9 billion over 3rd quarter 2000. Year-to-date net profits increased +28.6% to $136.5 billion over Jan-Dec 1999. In 2000, total operating revenue (all industries) increased +6.6% to $2.0 trillion over 1999.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada December 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $631.87 over November 2000, and increased +2.4% over December 1999. Employment increased +0.4% to 12.4 million over November 2000.

In Nova Scotia December 2000, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $532.62 over November 2000, and increased +2.6% over December 1999. Employment increased +0.9% to 352,000 over November 2000.

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NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2000
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In 2000 ($1992), GDP increased +4.7% to $921.5 billion over 1999. Consumer spending increased +0.4% to $524.9 billion; exports increased +9.6% to $392.5 billion.

In 2000 ($current), corporate profits increased +23.4% to $124.7 billion; personal income increased +7.2% to $534.6 billion.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 4TH QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-001-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, the current account surplus (seasonally adjusted) increased to $5.9 billion from a $4.6 billion surplus in 3rd quarter 1999. Year-to-date the current account surplus increased to $18.9
billion, compared with a -$3.4 billion deficit in 1999.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST DECEMBER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada December 2000, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $796.2 billion (annualized) over November 2000 and increased +3.3% over December 1999.

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E-COMMERCE: HOUSEHOLD SHOPPING ON THE INTERNET 1999
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In Canada 1999, total personal expenditure was $570 billion, of which $417 million (0.1%) were orders for goods and services placed on the internet.

An estimated 806,000 households (6.9% of all households) used the internet to place 3.3 million orders.

An estimated 971,000 households (8.4% of all households) used the internet for window-shopping.

In Canada 1999, there were 11.6 million households.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT 2000

In Canada 2000, residential construction investment (new housing, renovations, acquisition costs) increased +3.9% to $42.7 billion over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 2000, residential construction investment increased +6.7% to $1.1 billion over 1999.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS DECEMBER 2000

In Canada December 2000, sales by the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +7.0% to $9.6 billion over December 1999. Year-to-date sales increased +5.1% to $76.0 billion over Jan-Dec 1999.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM JANUARY 2001

In Canada January 2001, sales of refined petroleum products increased +7.7% to 8.0 million cubic metres over January 2000.

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS JANUARY 2001

In Canada January 2001, department stores sales (not seasonally adjusted) increased +9.1% to $1.1 billion over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, department store sales (not seasonally adjusted) increased +5.9% to $28.9 million over January 2000.

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BUILDING PERMITS JANUARY 2001
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Nova Scotia was one of two provinces to post a decline in building permits. The Halifax area saw a substantial slowdown over the month.

In Canada January 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +21.5% to $3.8 billion over December 2000, and increased +17.9% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -7.0% to $55.8 million over December 2000, and increased +1.1% over January 2000.

In Halifax January 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -30.7% to $21.2 million over December 2000, and declined -28.0% over January 2000.

HELP-WANTED INDEX FEBRUARY 2001

In Canada February 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -3.4% to 171 over January 2001 and increased +0.6% over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -0.6% to 161 over January 2001 and declined -4.7% over February 2000.

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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada February 2001 labour force declined -0.1% to 16.2 million, employment declined -0.2% to 15.0 million, unemployment increased +0.9% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 6.9% over January 2001.

In Nova Scotia February 2001 labour force increased +0.5% to 463,600, employment increased +1.5% to 422,800, unemployment declined -9.3% to 40,800 and the unemployment rate declined -1.0 percentage points to 8.8% over January 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada February 2001 labour force increased +1.7% to 15.9 million, employment increased +1.5% to 14.7 million, unemployment increased +4.1% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.1
percentage points to 7.4% over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001 labour force increased +0.7% to 450.7, employment increased +1.4% to 406,900, unemployment declined -6.0% to 43,800 and the unemployment rate declined -0.7 percentage points to 9.7% over February 2000.

INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 4TH QUARTER 2000

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, the industrial capacity utilization rate declined -0.2% to 85.4% over the 3rd quarter 2000. In 2000, the industrial capacity utilization rate increased +2.0% to 85.5% over 1999.

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WHOLESALE TRADE JANUARY 2001
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In Canada January 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (unadjusted) increased +0.8% to $32.3 billion over December 2000, and increased +3.0% over January 2000. Inventories increased +0.3% to $44.1 billion over December 2000, and increased +5.1% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (unadjusted) declined -2.2% to $575 million over December 2000, and increased +8.8% over January 2000.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

In Canada January 2001, international merchandise exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.4% to $36.7 billion over December 2000, and increased +10.3% over January 2001. In 2000, merchandise exports increased +15.8% to $417.7 billion over 1999.

In Canada January 2001, international merchandise imports (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.9% to $30.1 billion over December 2000, and increased +4.0% over January 2000. In 2000, merchandise imports increased +11.1% to $363.2 billion over 1999.

The balance of trade (merchandise) in January 2001 was a $6.6 billion surplus. In 2000 the balance of trade (merchandise) for the year was a $54.5 billion surplus.

NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE

Non-metallic and mineral fuels exports (including natural gas) at $1 billion have taken over 2nd place in Nova Scotia merchandise export trade..

In Nova Scotia 2000, international merchandise exports increased +30.7% to $5.2 billion over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 2000, international trade imports increased +19.9% to $5.4 billion over 1999.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2001
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In Canada February 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 115.2 over January 2001, and increased +2.9% over February 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.5% % to 113.4 over January 2001, and increased +2.0% over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 115.5 over January 2001, and increased +2.3% over February 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.2% % to 112.7 over January 2001, and increased +2.1% over February 2000.

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(Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

RETAIL TRADE JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat No 63-005-XIB

Nova Scotia at +8.1%, ranked 1st out of 13 provinces and territories for year-over-year growth in retail sales in January. National average was 5.4%.

In Canada January 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $23.8 billion over December 2000, and increased +5.4% over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.8% to $728 million over December 2000, and increased +8.1% over January 2000.

NATURAL GAS SALES JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada January 2001, natural gas sales declined -10.1% to 8.0 billion cubic metres over January 2000.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 4TH QUARTER 2000

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, public sector employment increased +0.7% to 2.9 million, over 4th quarter 1999.

In Nova Scotia 4th quarter 2000, public sector employment declined -0.4% to 101,468 over 4th quarter 1999.

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COMPOSITE INDEX FEBRUARY 2001
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In Canada January 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 167.1 over January 2001.

Five of ten indices were positive. (same as January)

The housing index (1992=100) increased +1.0% to 103.0.
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The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 38.9 hours.
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Four of ten indices was negative. (Up from 2 in December)

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The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -4.9% to 8,959.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined -0.8% to $23.4 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) declined -0.4% to $7.1 billion

One of ten indices was unchanged

The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.88.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES JANUARY 2001
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In Canada January 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$3.7 billion. In 2000 net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$18.8 billion.

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE JANUARY 2001

In Canada January 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (unadjusted) declined -4.3% to 640,760 over January 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (unadjusted) declined -2.1% to 38,430 over January 2000.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING JANUARY 2001
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Shipments, and inventories are up, unfilled orders and new orders are down in Canada, December 2000.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, manufacturer's shipments increased +0.3% to $731 million over December 2000.

In Canada January 2001, manufacturer's shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $45.0 billion over December 2000, and increased +1.2% over January 2000.

Inventories increased +0.3% to $64.9 billion over December 2000, and increased +9.7% over January 2000.

Unfilled orders declined -2.3% to $48.6 billion over December 2000, and increased +1.9% over January 2000.

New orders declined -1.3% to $43.8 billion over December 2000, and declined -2.0% over January 2000.

The inventories to shipments ratio remained unchanged at 1.44 over December 2000 and increased from 1.33 in January 2000..

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GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY: INTERNET USE 2000
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Halifax ranks 2nd at 65.4% behind Calgary (67.4%) in the percentage of the population that use the internet. Nova Scotia at 52.0%, ranks 4th behind B.C. (61.2%, Alberta (60.3%), and Ontario (54.7%) in internet use.

In Canada 2000, internet use (population aged 15 years and over) has increased to 52.8% (up from 41.8% in 1999*).

In Nova Scotia 2000, internet use (population aged 15 years and over) has increased to 52.0% (up from 41.1% in 1999*).

In Halifax 2000, internet use (population aged 15 plus) has increased to 65.4% (up from 52.4% in 1999*). *Household Internet Use Survey 1999

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NATIONAL BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS 2000
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In Canada 2000, the national net worth increased +5.9% to $3.3 trillion over 1999. National net worth per capita increased +5.0% to $105,700 over 1999.

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION 2000
Statistics Canada 67-202-XIB

In Canada 2000, our net international investment (liability) declined -10% to $243.7 billion (or 23% of GDP) over 1999.

Over the year, total foreign assets increased +11.5% to $779.3 billion, and total foreign liabilities increased +5.5% to $1.0 trillion.

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NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 4TH QUARTER 2000
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In Canada 4th quarter 2000, tourist expenditures (unadjusted) increased +7.5% to $10.8 billion over 4th quarter 1999. Year-to-date expenditures increased +7.9% to $54.1 billion over 1999.

In the 4th quarter, employment generated by tourism increased +5.3% to 552,400 over 4th quarter 1999. On an annual basis, employment generated by tourism increased +4.2% to 546,400 over 1999.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada January 2001, crude oil production increased +1.8% to 11.0 million cubic metres over January 2000. Natural gas production increased +3.4% to 15.1 billion cubic metres over January 2001.

PROFILE OF CANADIAN EXPORTERS 1999

In Canada 1999, the number of establishments exporting commodities declined -1.7% to 29,243 over 1998. The value of merchandise increased +10.7% to $325 billion over 1998.

The number of large establishments (exporting $25 million plus) increased +3.2% to 1,540 (or 5% of all exporters). Exports by this group increased +11.9% to $268.3 billion (or 83% of all exports).

SHELTERS FOR ABUSED WOMEN 1999/2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XPE, 84-404-MIE

In Canada 1999/2000, the number of women and dependent children admitted to shelters for abused women increased +6.1% to 96,359 over 1998/99.

In Nova Scotia 1999/2000, the number of women and children admitted to shelters for abused women doubled to 8,436 from 4,178 in 1998/99..

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada February 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 129.3 over January 2001 and increased +2.6% over February 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada February 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +1.5% to 146.5 over January 2001, and increased +4.7% over February 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels increased +1.1% to 124.6 over January 2001, and increased +1.6% over February 2000.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS JANUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada January 2001, average weekly earnings increased +0.1% to $659.46 over December 2000, and increased +1.9% over January 2000. Employment increased +0.3% to 12.7 million over December 2000, and increased +0.3% over January 2001.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $570.72 over December 2000, and increased +2.9% over January 2000. Employment increased +0.8% to 358,000 over December 2000, and increased +0.6% over January 2000.

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY 4TH QUARTER 2000

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, labour productivity (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% over the 3rd quarter 2000, and increased +0.7% over the 4th quarter 1999.

Hourly compensation (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.9% over the 3rd quarter, and increased +3.9% over the 4th quarter 1999.

Unit labour costs (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.1% over the 3rd quarter 2000, and increased +3.1% over the 4th quarter 1999.

Growth in unit labour cost occurs when wage increases are growing more than labour productivity.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST JANUARY 2001
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In Canada January 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $799.8 billion (annualized) over December 2000 and increased +3.2% over January 2000.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries remained virtually unchanged (+$7 million) at $258.3 billion (annualized) over December 2000, and increased +1.0% over January 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries increased +0.5% to $541.5 billion (annualized) over December 2000, and increased +4.3% over January 2000.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FEBRUARY 2001

In Canada February 2001, sales of refined petroleum products declined -0.1% to $7.6 million cubic metres over February 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +4.4% to 15.7 million cubic metres over Jan-Feb 2000.

EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS 3RD QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 74-001-XIB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, the market value of the assets of employer-sponsored pension plans increased +1.7% to $610 billion over 2nd quarter 2000.

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ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY 2000

In Canada 2000, private sector business transactions over the internet increased +73.4% to $7.2 billion over 1999.

E-commerce sales represent only 0.4% of total operating revenue of private sector businesses. Large businesses (500+ employees) account for 43% of all internet sales.

The percentage of private sector businesses selling goods and services over the internet declined -3.7% to 6.4% over 1999. The percentage of private sector firms purchasing goods and services over the internet increased +4.4% to 18.2% over 1999.

The percentage of businesses in the private sector that use the internet increased +10.6% to 63.4% over 1999. In 2000, 25.7% of private sector enterprises had a web site, up from 21.7% in 1999. In 2000, 39% of private sector employees had access to the internet.

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BUILDING PERMITS FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada February 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -9.1% to $3.4 billion over January 2001, and increased +19.1% over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -13.3% to $48.3 million over January 2001, and declined -7.2% over February 2000.

HELP-WANTED INDEX MARCH 2001

In Canada March 2001, the help wanted index (1996=100, seasonally adjusted) declined -1.8% to 168 over February 2001, and declined -1.8% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia march 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100, seasonally adjusted) declined -4.1% to 162 over February 2001, and increased +0.6% over March 2000.

AQUACULTURE STATISTICS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 23-603-UPE

In Canada 1999, sales of aqua products and services increased +17.6% $611 million over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 2000, sales of aqua products and services increased +53.9% to $29.4 million over 1999.

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS 4th QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-002-XIB

As of January 1, 2001 the population of Canada is estimated to be 30,871,967 (+0.9%) and the population of Nova Scotia is estimated to be 942,322. (+0.1%).

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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Note: Users are cautioned on the use of seasonal values. LFS seasonally adjusted estimates for 1998, 1999 and 2000 were revised to reflect new seasonal factors.

The second highest increase in labour force (+0.9%) combined with the second highest decline in employment (-0.7%) resulted in Nova Scotia having the largest percentage change of all the provinces in seasonally adjusted unemployment (+17.4%) in March. Unemployment increased by +7,100; because labour force increased by +4,200 and employment declined by 2,900 over February.

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada March 2001 labour force increased +0.3% to 16.2 million, employment increased +0.2% to 15.1 million, unemployment increased +1.8% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.1% to 7.0% over February 2001.

In Nova Scotia March 2001 labour force increased +0.9% to 467.800, employment declined -0.7% to 419,900, unemployment increased +17.4% to 47,900 and the unemployment rate increased +1.4 percentage points to 10.2% over February 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada March 2001 labour force increased +1.8% to 16.0 million, employment increased +1.5% to 14.8 million, unemployment increased +6.2% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 7.6% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001 labour force increased +1.4% to 456.9, employment declined -0.4% to 404,600, unemployment increased +17.3% to 52,300 and the unemployment rate increased +1.5 percentage points to 11.4% over March 2000.

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NETWORKED CANADA: THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SECTOR 1993 - 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-504-XIE

Nova Scotia trails the country in student-computer ratio, but ranks above average on uses of ICT in education.

In Canada 1998-99 the student computer ratio for elementary students was 9; for intermediate = 8; and for secondary = 7.

In Nova Scotia 1998-99 the student computer ratio for elementary students was 15; for intermediate = 11; and for secondary = 9.

In Canada the use of ICT by students was: e-mail = 40%; external databases = 81%; design web sites = 30%; data dissemination = 35% and video conferencing = 7%.

In Nova Scotia the use of ICT by students was: e-mail = 53%; external databases = 79%; design web sites = 33%; data dissemination = 38%; and video conferencing = 8%.

In Canada 1999, economic output (GDP) of the ICT sector increased +78.3% to $43.3 billion since 1993. In comparison, the total business sector increased +27.8% in the same period.

Employment in the ICT sector increased +23.0% to 421,000 since 1999. This compares with a 10.0% increase in employment in the whole economy.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS FEBRUARY 2001

In Canada February 2001, department store sales including concessions (not seasonally adjusted) increased +6.8% to $1.1 billion over February 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +8.0% to $2.2 billion over Jan-Feb 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, department store sales including concession (not seasonally adjusted) declined -2.9% to $28.9 million over February 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +1.7% to $58.0 million over Jan-Feb 2000.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS JANUARY 2001

In Canada January 2001, sales by the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +5.4% to $5.4 billion over January 2000.

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SURVEY OF APPROACHES TO EDUCATION PLANNING 1999

In Canada 1999, 87.1% of parents hope there children will attend post-secondary school, and 40.7% are saving for this post-secondary education. Parents expect that their children will help in financing their education by starting work before enrollment in a post-secondary institution, 70.2%; by working while in a post-secondary school, 85.8%; or by taking out a loan, 50.3%.

In Nova Scotia 1999, 85.5% of parents hope there children will attend post-secondary school, and 44.5% are saving for this post-secondary education. Parents expect that their children will help in financing their education by starting work before enrollment in a post-secondary institution, 87.0%; by working while in a post-secondary school, 90.8%; or by taking out a loan, 68.3%.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2001
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In Canada February 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 104.9 over January 2001, and increased +2.4% over February 2000.

In Halifax February 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 117.7 over January 2001, and increased +3.5% over February 2000.

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QUARTERLY RETAIL COMMODITY SURVEY 4TH QUARTER 2000

Canadians love their cars: In 2000, $36.77 of every $100 spent by consumers related to automobiles.

Consumers spent $28.85 of every $100 on motor vehicles, parts and services, plus an additional $7.92 on automotive fuels, oils and additives; $18.98 on food including non-alcoholic beverages and $9.34 on clothing, footwear and accessories; $7.74 on household furnishings and electronics; $5.53 on alcoholic beverages and tobacco.

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, retail store sales increased +4.6% to $74.9 billion over 4th quarter 1999. Retail store annual sales increased +6.3% to $277.9 billion over 1999.

CANADIAN VEHICLE SURVEY 3RD QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 53F0004XIE

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, there were 17.5 million registered vehicles, and they traveled 83.4 billion km.

In Nova Scotia 3rd quarter 2000, there were 520,000 registered vehicles, and they traveled 2.5 billion km.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada February 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -4.0% to 125,615 over January 2001, and declined -3.5% over February 2000. Unadjusted unit sales declined -9.8% to 89,159 units over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -12.9% to 3,264 units over January 2001, and declined -14.0% over February 2000. Unadjusted units sales declined -19.8% to 2,213 over February 2000.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DECEMBER 31, 1998.

In Canada December 31, 1998, net debt of local governments declined -22.4% to $15.9 billion over December 31, 1997.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

Canadian international merchandise trade reported a balance of trade surplus of $5.8 billion for February, and a $12.5 billion balance of trade surplus for Jan-Feb 2001.

In Canada February 2001, merchandise trade exports declined -4.5% to $35.1 billion over January 2001, and increased +8.5% over February 2000. Year-to-date exports increased +9.6% to $71.9 billion over Jan-Feb 2000.

In Canada February 2001, merchandise trade imports declined -2.8% to $29.3 billion over January 2001, and increased +1.9% over February 2000. Year-to-date imports increased +3.0% to $59.4 billion over Jan-Feb 2000.

Nova Scotia merchandise trade reported a balance of trade deficit of $73.3 million in January 2001.

In Nova Scotia January 2001, merchandise exports increased +58.8% to $500.5 million over January 2000. Merchandise trade imports increased +54.1% to $573.8 million over January 2000.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada February 2001, the number of trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.7% to 3.9 million over January 2001, Unadjusted trips abroad declined -4.8% to 3.2 million over February 2000.

In Canada February 2001, the number of trips to Canada by foreigners (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.7% to 4.1 million over January 2001. Unadjusted trips to Canada increased +0.9% to 2.8 million over February 2000.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

In Nova Scotia February 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.9% to $701 million over January 2001.

In Canada, there was a big increase in inventories (year over year) and a decline in shipments in February.

In Canada February 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.6% to $43.3 billion over January 2001, and declined -0.3% over February 2000.

Inventories increased +0.8% to $65.3 billion over January 2001, and increased +10.0% over February 2000.

Unfilled orders increased +4.1% to $50.4 billion over January 2001, and increased +7.0% over February 2000.

New orders increased +5.6% to $45.3 billion over January 2001, and increased +5.6% over February 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio increased to 1.51 from 1.44 in January 2001, and from 1.37 in February 2000.

SERVICES INDICATORS 4TH QUARTER 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-016-XIB

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, real gross domestic product growth in the services industries increased +0.8% to $536.4 billion (annualized) over the 3rd quarter, and increased +4.1% over the 4th quarter 1999.

Employment declined -0.5% to 11.1 million over the 3rd quarter 2000, and increased +2.9% over the 4th quarter 1999.

Consumer spending on services increased +1.6% over the 3rd quarter 2000, and increased +5.9% over the 4th quarter 1999.

In the 4th quarter 2000, international trade in services deficit increased +23% to $1.7 billion over 4th quarter 1999. Exports increased +0.1% to $14.1 billion, and imports increased +0.1% to $15.9 billion over 3rd quarter 2000.

CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 1999

In Canada March 31, 1999, the consolidated net debt of all federal, provincial, territorial and local

governments increased +0.6% to $852.5 billion (91.8% of GDP) over the previous year.

Based on a population of 30,406,000, the net debt per capita declined $60 to $28,038 from $28,098 in 1998.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XIB

In Canada March 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 115.6 over February 2001, and increased +2.5% over March 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.1% to 113.5 over February 2001, and increased +1.7% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 115.6 over February 2001, and increased +1.9% over March 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.2% to 112.9 over February 2001, and increased +1.8% over March 2000.

(Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

WHOLESALE TRADE FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada February 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.6% to $31.8 billion over January 2001, and increased +2.3% over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.3% to $558 million over January 2001, and declined -4.7% over February 2000.

NATURAL GAS SALES FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada February 2001, natural gas sales declined -5.5% to 7.8 billion cubic metres over February 2000. Year-to-date sales declined -7.9% to 15.9 billion cubic metres over Jan-Feb 2000.

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RETAIL TRADE FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

In January Nova Scotia reported the largest year-over-year increase in retail sales, this month Nova Scotia is reporting the greatest year-over-year decline.

In Canada February 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to $23.6 billion over January 2001, and increased +4.9% over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -4.7% to $691 million over January 2001, and declined -1.9% over February 2000.

PRINCIPLE FIELD CROPS: SEEDING INTENTIONS MARCH 31, 2001.
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XIB

In Canada March 31, 2001, the seeding intentions of wheat (total) have declined -1% to 27.3 million acres over March 2000. Seeding intentions for spring wheat increased +4% to 20.9 million acres, while seeding intentions for Durum wheat declined -18% to 5.3 million acres.

FARM FAMILY's TOTAL INCOME 1998

In Canada 1998, total farm family income (average) increased +3.2% to $61,108 over 1997. Net farm operating income declined -3.3% to $17,432, while total off-farm income increased +6.1% to $43,677.

TRAVEL-LOG SPRING 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 87-003.XIE

In Canada 2000, the number of international cruise ship passengers increased +17% to 640,000 passengers, over 1999.

In the Atlantic Region, the number of international cruise ship passengers increased +39.5% to 148,987 passengers over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of international cruise ship passengers declined -16.9% to 61,402 passengers over 1999.

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COMPOSITE INDEX MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

The Composite leading index has declined for the fourth straight month.

In Canada March 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 166.6 over March 2001.

Four of ten indices were positive. (down from 5 in February)

Business and personal services employment increased +0.1% to 2.5 million.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.7% to $95.6 billion.
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 39.0 hours.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +1.9% to $1.6 billion.

Five of ten indices were negative. (Up from 4 in February)

The housing index (1992=100) declined -1.0% to 102.7.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.2 % to 107.3.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -4.5% to 8,552.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined -1.1% to $23.0 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.84 from 1.86 in February.

One of ten indices was unchanged

Other durable goods sales (1992$) remained unchanged at $7.1 billion

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada February 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$237 million.
Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$3.8 billion.

In Canada February 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$1.3 billion.
Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$10.1 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX (FPPI) FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-007-XIB

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COMPOSITE INDEX MARCH 2001
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One of ten indices was unchanged

Other durable goods sales (1992$) remained unchanged at $7.1 billion

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Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FEBRUARY 2001

In Canada February 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -3.7% to 641,020 over February 2000.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -1.3% to 39,410 over February 2000.

NOTE: In the period Jan 1997 - Apr 2000, the number of beneficiaries were understated. a revised historical data series is scheduled for release June 21, 2001.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada February 2001, crude oil production declined -0.5% to 10.1 million cubic metres over February 2000. Year-to-date production increased +0.7% to 21.1 million cubic metres over Jan-Feb 2000.

In Canada February 2001, natural gas production increased +3.2% to 14.0 billion cubic metres over February 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.3% to 29.1 billion cubic metres over Jan-Feb 2000.

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EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada February 2001, average weekly earning (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $660.22 over January 2001, and increased +1.9% over February 2000. Employment increased +0.1% to 12.7 million over January 2001.

In Nova Scotia February 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $572.22 over January 2001, and increased +3.4% over February 2000. Employment remained unchanged at 359,000 over January 2001.

PASSENGER BUS INDUSTRY

In Canada 1st quarter 2000, urban transit ridership increased +3.4% to 384 million passenger trips over Jan-Mar 1999.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST FEBRUARY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

Growth (real) in durable manufacturing declined -2.0% or by -$1.7 billion in February.

In Canada February 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $798.1 billion (annualized) over January 2001 and increased +3.1% over February 2000.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries remained virtually unchanged (-$51 million) at $257.2 billion (annualized) over January 2001, and increased +1.4% over February 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries declined -0.1% to $540.8 billion (annualized) over January 2001, and increased +4.0% over February 2000.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada March 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 130.1 over February 2001 and increased +2.4% over March 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada March 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined -2.1% to 144.0 over February 2001, and increased +1.1% over March 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels increased +1.7% to 127.6 over February 2001, and increased +3.5% over March 2000.

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DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MARCH 2001

In Canada March 2001, sales of refined petroleum products increased +4.9% to 7.8 million cubic metres over March 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +4.7% to 23.6 million cubic metres over Jan-Mar 2000.

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BUILDING PERMITS MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

Halifax leads the country (CMA's) in the percentage decline (-38.5%) in the value of building permits in the 1st quarter 2001.

In Canada March 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -11.5% to $3.1 billion over February 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits increased +14.1% to $10.4 billion over Jan-Mar 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -13.7% to $40.9 million over February 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -25.6% over Jan-Mar 2000.

In Halifax March 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -38.3% to $15.6 million over February 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -38.5% over Jan-Mar 2000.

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GRAIN STOCKS MARCH 31, 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XIB

In Canada March 31, 2001, the total stocks of wheat increased +9% to 16.7 million tonnes over the same date last year. Durum wheat stocks increased +33% to 4.4 million tonnes. Soybean stocks increased +7% to 1.2 million tonnes.

All other grain stocks have decreased: Barley (-2%) to 6.6 million tonnes; Corn (-18%) to 3.9 million tonnes; Canola (-18%) to 3.2 million tonnes; Oats (-21%) to 1.6 million tonnes; Flax (-23%) to 0.6 million tonnes; Rye (-26%) to 0.2 million tonnes.

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HELP-WANTED INDEX APRIL 2001

In Canada April 2001, the help-wanted index, seasonally adjusted (1996=100) remained unchanged at 168 over March 2001, and declined -1.2% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001, the help-wanted index, seasonally adjusted (1996=100) increased +1.0% to 165 over March 2001, and declined -1.2% over April 2000.

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NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the non-residential building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 123.6 over the 4th quarter 2000, and increased +5.7% over the 1st quarter 2000.

In Halifax 1st quarter 2001, the Non-residential building construction price index (1992=100) declined -0.4% to 109.1 over the 4th quarter 2000, and increased +1.1% over the 1st quarter 2000.

REPORT ON ADULT EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN CANADA 1998
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 81-586-XIE

Nova Scotia leads the way in Atlantic Canada in adult participation in education and training. The province is also in the forefront with regard to employer sponsored education, growth in participation. Nova Scotia falls short of the national average with respect to program duration.

In Canada 1997, adult participation in education and training activities declined to 27.7% from 28.9% in 1991. Mean hours per participant increased to 209 hours in 1997, from 149 in 1991. Mean hours per capita increased to 58 from 43 in 1991.

In Nova Scotia 1997, adult participation in education and training activities increased to 28.8% from 22.9% in 1991. Mean hours per participant increased to 184 from 152 in 1991. Mean hours per capita increased to 53 from 35 in 1991.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY APRIL 2001
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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada April 2001 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.2 million, employment increased +0.2% to 15.1 million, unemployment declined -0.3% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.0% over March 2001.

In Nova Scotia April 2001 labour force declined -0.3% to 466,500, employment remained unchanged at 420,100, unemployment declined -3.3% to 46,300 and the unemployment rate declined -0.3 percentage points to 9.9% over March 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada April 2001 labour force increased +1.9% to 16.1 million, employment increased +1.6% to 14.9 million, unemployment increased +6.2% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 7.3% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001 labour force increased +1.7% to 460.7, employment declined -0.4% to 408,000, unemployment increased +21.1% to 52,700 and the unemployment rate increased +1.8 percentage points to 11.4% over April 2000.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 3-007-XIB

In Canada March 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to 126,086 over February 2001, and declined -6.7% over March 2000. Unadjusted unit sales declined -7.9% to 143,189 over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +5.4% to 3,439 over February 2001, and declined -10.4% over March 2000. Unadjusted unit sales declined -11.4% to 3,901 over March 2000.

APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 120.8 over the 4th quarter 2000, and increased +4.5% over the 1st quarter 2000.

In Halifax 1st quarter 2001, the apartment building construction price index remained unchanged over the 4th quarter 2000, and increased +1.6% over the 1st quarter 2000.

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MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRICE INDEX 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) increased +1.4% to 136.5 over the 4th quarter 2000, and increased +3.6% over the 1st quarter 2000.

FARM INPUT PRICE INDEX 2000

In Canada 2000, the farm input price index (1992=100) increased +6.0% to 124.0 over 1999.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

Nova Scotia leads the country in growth in manufacturing shipments this month. Seasonally adjusted shipments are at the high point for the year.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +6.4% to $744 million over February 2001.

In Canada, shipments are up, but new orders are down.

In Canada March 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to $43.7 billion over February 2001, and declined -2.4% over March 2000.

Inventories remained unchanged at $65.3 billion over February 2001, and increased +8.6% over March 2000.

Unfilled orders declined -1.6% to $49.0 billion over February 2001, and increased +3.1% over March 2000.

New orders declined -3.5% to $42.9 billion over February 2001, and declined -5.1% over March 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio declined to 1.49 from 1.52 in February 2001, and increased from 1.34 in March 2000.

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Subject: CPI; Travel

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XIB

Compared with 1992, the purchasing power of the consumer dollar expressed in cents is 85.9.

In Canada April 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.7% to 116.4 over March 2001, and increased +3.6% over April 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.4% to 113.9 over March 2001, and increased +2.1% over April 2000.

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(Note that the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%.)

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada March 2001, seasonally adjusted trips abroad increased +0.3% to 3.9 million trips over February 2001. Unadjusted trips abroad declined -3.6% to 4.1 million trips over March 2000.

In Canada March 2001, the number of trips by foreigners to Canada (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to 4.2 million trips over February 2001. Unadjusted
trips increased +4.9% to 3.3 million trips over March 2000.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

Canadian international merchandise trade reported a balance of trade surplus of $6.2billion for March, and a $18.9 billion balance of trade surplus for Jan-Mar 2001.

In Canada March 2001, merchandise trade exports increased +2.3% to $36.0 billion over February 2001, and increased +5.5% over March 2000. Year-to-date exports increased +8.5% to $108.3 billion over Jan-Mar 2000.

In Canada March 2001, merchandise trade imports increased +1.7% to $29.9 billion over February 2001, and increased +0.1% over March 2000. Year-to-date imports increased +2.1% to $89.4 billion over Jan-Mar 2000.

Nova Scotia merchandise trade reported a balance of trade SURPLUS of $21.3 million in Jan-Mar 2001.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, merchandise exports increased +6.2% to $445.6 million over February 2001, and increased +12.1% over March 2000. Year-to-date merchandise trade exports increased +28.3% to $1.4 billion over Jan-Mar 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, merchandise imports increased +5.8% to $402.2 million over February 2001, and declined -28.1% over March 2000. Year-to-date merchandise trade imports declined -4.6% to $1.4 billion over Jan-Mar 2000.

WHOLESALE TRADE MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada March 2001, the wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to $32.3 billion over February 2001, and increased +2.0% over March 2000.

Inventories declined -0.3% to 44.1 billion over February 2001, and increased +4.6% over March 2001.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, the wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.2% to $546 million over February 2001, and declined -5.5% over March 2000.

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RETAIL TRADE MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

Nova Scotia recorded the highest retail trade growth rate of all the provinces in March. After a sharp drop below $700 million in February, retail sales have returned to earlier levels

In Canada March 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $23.7 billion over February 2001, and increased +3.8% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.1% to $721 million over February 2001, and increased +2.5% over March 2000.

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY 2000(revised)
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 15-204-XIE

Improvements to surveys and reclassification of some goods industries to service industries has resulted in revisions to previously published data. Some examples:

The average amual labour productivity growth rate in the business sector has been revised upwards from 1.0% to 1.3% (1988 to 2000)

The average amual growth rate in multifactor productivity has been revised upwards from 0.7% to 0.8%.

The growth ratein real value-added in the goods sector has been revised downwards from 5.7% to 4.4% (1997) The grovth in the services sector has been revised upwards from 4.9% to 6.8%.

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NATURAL GAS SALES MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada March 2001, sales of natural gas declined -1.4% to 7.1 billion cubic metres over March 2000. Year-to-date sales declined -6.0% to 23.0 billion cubic metres over Jan-Mar 2000.

WORKING WITH COMPUTERS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XIE, Vol. 2 No. 5.

In Canada 2000, the number of workers using a computer in their main job increased to 57% of total employed from 33% in 1989. Of computer-use workers, 78% use a computer on a daily basis.

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COMPOSITE INDEX APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

The Composite leading index has declined or unchanged for the fifth straight month.

In Canada April 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) remained unchanged at166.4 over April 2001.

Five of ten indices were positive. (up 1 from in March)

Business and personal services employment increased +0.2% to 2.5 million.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.9% to $96.4 billion.
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 39.0 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +1.4% to $23.3 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.9% to $1.6 billion.

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The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.2 % to 107.1.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.81 from 1.84 in March.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) declined -0.2% to $7.1 billion

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada March 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of $6.6 million.
Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$10.2 billion.

In Canada March 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$3.4 billion.
Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$13.5 billion.

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MARCH 2001

In Canada March 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits remained unchanged at 643,530 over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits increased +1.8% to 39,910 over March 2000.

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DEPOSIT-ACCEPTING INTERMEDIARIES 1999

In Canada 1999, the value of services produced by deposit-accepting intermediaries increased +5.0% to $44.5 billion over 1998.

The value of retail banking services increased +3.0% to $27.7 billion over 1998. Activity share declined to 62.2% from 63.4% in 1998.

The value of treasury and investment banking services increased +0.1% to $8.6 billion over 1998. Activity share declined to 19.4% from 30.3% in 1998.

The value of corporate and Institutional services total value of services increased +23.3% to $3.0 billion over 1998. Activity share increased from 6.8% from 5.8% in 1998.

The value of electronic banking services total value of services increased +6.6% to $3.4 billion over 1998. Activity share increased to 7.7% from 7.6% in 1998.

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NET FARM INCOME AND FARM CASH RECEIPTS
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In Canada 2000, total cash receipts increased +7.8% to $32.8 billion over 1999. Operating expenses increased +5.9% to $25.7 billion. Program payments increased +44.8% to $2.8 billion. Net cash income increased +15.3% to $7.1 billion over 1999

In Canada 1st quarter 2001 farm cash receipts increased +5.5% to $8.5 billion over Jan-Mar 2000. Crop receipts declined -5.0% to $3.4 billion, and livestock receipts increased +9.1% to $4.4 billion. Program payments increased +57.3% to $703 million.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 1ST QUARTER 2001

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the international travel account (seasonally adjusted) posted a $388 million deficit. Total receipts increased +4.1% to $4.3 billion. Total payments increased +1.5% to $4.6 billion.

In Nova Scotia 1st quarter 2001, farm cash receipts increased +3.1% to $99 million over Jan-Mar 2000.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX APRIL 2001
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In Canada April 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 130.3 over March 2001 and increased +2.7% over April 2000.

The industrial product price index excluding mineral fuels increased +2.0% over April 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada April 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 144.4 over March 2001, and increased +7.9% over April 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -0.6% to 127.0 over March 2001, and increased +2.6% over April 2000.

CANADIAN TOBACCO USE 2000
Health Canada
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hppb/tobacco/ctums_splash.html.

In Canada 2000, smoking rates have declined to 24% (six million) of the population aged 15 years and older, the lowest rate since smoking surveys began in 1965.

Among teens aged 15-19, smoking rates have declined to 25%, from 28% in 1999. Among young adults aged 20-24 years, smoking rates have declined to 32% from 35% in 1999.

The lowest smoking rate, 20%) was recorded in British Columbia, and the highest (30%) in Nova Scotia

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EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada March 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $660.50 over February 2001, and increased +2.1% over March 2000. Employment increased +0.2% to 12.8 million over February and increased +0.1% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, average weekly earnings declined -0.1% to 569.52 over February 2001, and increased +2.7% to March 2000. Employment increased +0.3% to 360,000 over February 2001, and remained unchanged over March 2000.

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-007-XIB

In Canada March 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) increased +2.7% to 99.2 over February 2001, and increased +3.2% over March 2000.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) increased +6.4% to 109.3 over February 2001, and increased +6.6% over March 2000.

YOUTH COURT STATISTICS 1999/2000
Statistics Canada 85-002-XIE

In Canada 1999/2000, the number of cases heard in youth court declined -11.4% to 102,061 over 1992/93. The rate per 10,000 youth declined to 417 from 500 in 1992/93.

In Nova Scotia 1999/2000, the rate per 10,000 youths declined to 364 from 403 in 1992/93.

SURVEY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH: PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES 1998/99

In Canada 1998/99 an estimated 87% of children aged 4 to 15 participate in organized activities outside of school.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada March 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to $797.5 billion (annualized) over February 2001 and increased +2.0% over March 2000.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries increased +0.2% to $256.5 billion (annualized) over February 2001, and declined -0.1%% over March 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries increased +0.1% to $540.9 billion (annualized) over February 2001, and increased +3.0% over March 2000.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-001-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the current account surplus (seasonally adjusted) increased to $12.7 billion from a $8.5 billion surplus in 4th quarter 2000., and from a $6.1 billion surplus in 1st quarter 2000.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 1ST QUARTER 200-1
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-001-PPB, 13-014-PPB, 13F0016XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001 ($1997 chained), GDP increased +0.6% to $1.025 trillion over 4th quarter 2000. Consumer spending increased +0.9% to $577.2 billion; exports (goods & services) declined -1.4% to $443.7 billion.

In Canada 1st quarter 2001 ($current), corporate profits increased +3.8% to $136.9 billion; personal income increased +1.4% to $553.2 billion.

Real gross domestic product ($chained 1997) increased +2.5% on an annualized basis (growth rate compounded annually) and increased +2.6% on a year-over-year basis (compared to the same quarter in the previous year)

NOTE:
With the release of 1st quarter national and economic and financial accounts, Statistics Canada has adopted a new measure for real GDP. The new formula (Chain Fisher) is now being used to estimate real GDP.

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RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT 1ST QUARTER 2001

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, residential construction investment increased +4.7% to $8.5 billion over 1st quarter 2000.

In Nova Scotia 1st quarter 2001, residential construction investment declined -12.8% to $176.2 million over 1st quarter 2000.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada March 2001 crude oil production increased +7.9% to 11.3 million cubic metres over March 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.3% to 33.4 million cubic metres over Jan-Mar 2000.

In Canada March 2001, production of natural gas increased +5.8% to 15.0 billion cubic metres over March 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.6% to 43.9 billion cubic metres over Jan-Mar 2001.

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BUILDING PERMITS APRIL @001
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In Canada April 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.8% to $3.2 billion over March 2001. Year to date the value of building permits increased +14.0% to $13.5 over Jan-Apr 2000.

In Halifax April 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +57.7% to $24.2 million over March 2001. Year to date the value declined -63.1% to $86.2 million over Jan-Apr 2000.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS APRIL 2001

In Canada April 2001, department store sales including concessions increased +6.7% to $1.5 billion over April 2000. Year to date sales increased +8.1% to $5.1 billion over Jan-Apr 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001, department store sales increased +13.6% to $32.3 million over April 2000. Year to date sales increased +13.8% to $105 million over Jan-Apr 2000.

PASSENGER BUS INDUSTRY 2ND QUARTER 2000

In Canada 2nd quarter 2000, urban transit ridership increased +5.5% to 369 million passenger trips over 2nd quarter 1999. Revenues increased +8.1% to $472 million over Apr-Jun 1999. Operating expenditures increased +6.1% to $900 million.

Intercity passenger service increased +9.3% to 3.4 million passenger trips. Revenues increased +11.6% to $63 million over Apr-Jun 1999.

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HELP WANTED INDEX MAY 2001

In Canada May 2001, the help wanted index (1996=3D100) declined -2.4% to = 164 over April 2001, and declined -4.1% over May 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2001, the help wanted index (1996=3D100) increased = +1.2% to 167 over April 2001, and remained unchanged over May 2000=20

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS MARCH 2001

In Canada March 2001, sales for the group of large retailers increased = +8.0% to $6.2 billion over March 2000.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-008-XIE

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the after tax profit of enterprises declined = -0.3% to $24.5 billion over the 4th quarter 2000. Operating revenue = declined -0.2% to $531.6 billion and operating profit declined -6.9% to = $44.9 billion.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY MAY 2001
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also see
http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub19.htm

Finance IntraNet users see
http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada May 2001 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.2 million, employment increased +0.1% to 15.1 million, unemployment declined -0.1% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.0% over April 2001.

In Nova Scotia May 2001 labour force declined -0.4% to 464,600, employment declined -0.5% to 418,200, unemployment increased +0.2% to 46,400 and the unemployment rate increased +0.1percentage points to 10.0% over April 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada May 2001 labour force increased +1.7% to 16.4 million, employment increased +1.4% to 15.2 million, unemployment increased +6.3% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 7.1% over May 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2001 labour force increased +1.0% to 469.3, employment declined -0.6% to 421,800, unemployment increased +17.8% to 47,600 and the unemployment rate increased +1.4 percentage points to 10.1% over May 2000.

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INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 1ST QUARTER 2001

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the total non-farm goods-producing industrial capacity utilization rate declined -1.0% to 84.1% over 4th quarter 2000, and declined -1.5% over 1st quarter 2000.

Sectors of note:
(% change year over year)
- logging and forestry declined -8.4% to 76.6.
- mining - crude petroleum and natural gas increased +5.0% to 94.4.
- manufacturing - declined -2.4% to 83.5.
- refined petroleum and coal products increased +4.6% to 95.6.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX APRIL 2001

In Canada April 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 105.5 over March 2001, and increased +2.7% over April 2000.

In Halifax April 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 117.7 over March 2000,. and increased +2.1% over April 2000.
- paper and allied products declined -1.6% to 91.1.
- construction - declined -1.2% to 90.9.
- electric power and gas distribution systems increased +0.9% to 85.8.

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GOVERNMENT FINANCE: REVENUE, EXPENDITURE AND SURPLUS 2000/01

(Five year comparison, Financial Management System basis)

In Canada 2000/01, the consolidated government surplus (including Canada and Quebec pension plans) was $25.7 billion. Only the consolidated local governments ran a deficit ($400 million).

In Canada 2000/01, Federal government revenues increased +33.2% to $193.9 billion , expenditures increased +3.4% to $184.8 billion, over 1995/96.. The surplus in 2000/01 was $9.1 billion.

In Canada 2000/01, provincial government revenues increased +26.1% to $230.5 billion, expenditures increased +13.5% to $219.1 billion, over 1995/96. The surplus in 2000/01 was $11.4 billion.

In Canada 2000/01, local government revenues increased +7.7% to $78.8 billion, expenditures increased +8.6% to $79.3 billion, over 1995/96. The deficit for 2000/01 was $443 million)

In Nova Scotia 2000/01, the provincial government revenues increased +17.9% to $6.5 billion, expenditures increased +13.4% to $6.5 billion, over 1995/96. The surplus in 2000/01 was $52 million.

In Nova Scotia 2000/01, local government revenues declined -3.8% to $1.66 billion, expenditures declined -2.8% to $1.67 billion, over 1995/96. The deficit in 2000/01 was $13 million.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada 63-007-XIB

In Canada April 2001, unit sales (seasonally adjusted) of new motor vehicles increased +5.9% to 134,372 units over March 2001, and increased +1.1% over April 2000. Unadjusted unit sales increased +1.7% to 150,179 units over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001, unit sales (seasonally adjusted) of new motor vehicles increased +5.0% to 3,623 units over March 2001, and declined -5.9% over April 2000. Unadjusted unit sales declined -7.4% to 4,555 units over April 2000.

EDUCATION AT A GLANCE
OECD 2001 Edition
http://www.oecd.org/media/publish/pb01-23a.htm

In OECD countries spending on tertiary institutions exceeds 30% in a number of countries (Korea, Japan, US, Australia, Canada, UK). Canada leads OECD countries with educational attainment of population aged 25-34 having at least a tertiary education.

In OECD countries there is a growing trend towards management of schools by the private sector. 13.5% of primary and secondary students are enrolled in private institutions and 10.6% are enrolled in institutions that are government financed, but privately managed.

In OECD countries almost one-third of lower secondary teachers are 50 years or older, and due for retirement in 10 years.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MAY 2001
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CPI has had its biggest monthly increase since January 1991.

In Canada May 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.9% to 117.4 over April 2001, and increased +3.9% over May 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.4% to 114.3 over April 2001, and increased +2.1% over May 2000. Excluding the eight most volatile components* CPI increased +0.2% to 117.3 over April 2001, and increased +2.3% over May 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 117.0 over April 2001, and increased +3.1% over May 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.2% to 114.2 over April 2001, and increased +2.1% over May 2000.

Notes
- the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%
- Most volatile components are fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; inter-city transportation; tobacco products and smokers' supplies..

INTER-CORPORATE OWNERSHIP 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-517-XCB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, of 85,000 corporations listed (Statistics Canada database), 13,305 are foreign owned (15.6%). United States 6,966; European Union 3,761; Pacific Rim 1,450; other countries 1,128.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

In Nova Scotia April 2001, manufacturing shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.5% to $727 million over March 2001. Six of ten provinces recorded a decline. Manufacturing shipments in Ontario increased +1.1% to $23.2 billion.

In Canada April 2001, manufacturing shipments declined -0.6% to $43.4 billion over March 2001, and increased +0.4% over April 2000. Inventories were virtually unchanged at $65.1 billion over March 2001, and increased +7.1% over April 2000. Unfilled orders increased +0.2% to $48.9 billion over March 2001, and increased +2.4% over April 2000. New orders increased +1.7% to $43.5 billion over March 2001, and declined -0.1% over April 2000. The inventories to shipments ratio increased to 1.50 from 1.49 in March 2001, and 1.41 in April 2001.

PASSENGER BUS AND URBAN TRANSIT 3RD QUARTER 2000

In Canada 3rd quarter 2000, urban transit increased +3.6% to 350 million passenger trips over the 3rd quarter 1999. Revenues increased +5.6% to $460 million.

Inter-city rider ship increased +1.7% to 3.5 million passenger trips. over the 3rd quarter 1999. Revenues increased +11.1% to $840 million.

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TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES APRIL 2001
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In Canada April 2001, the number of trips by Canadians abroad (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.5% to 3.8 million over March 2001. Unadjusted trips abroad declined -5.2% to 3.9 million over April 2000.

In Canada April 2001, the number of foreigners traveling to Canada (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.3% to 4.1 million trips over March 2001. Unadjusted trips increased +0.4% to 3.5 million trips over April 2000.

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COMPOSITE INDEX MAY 2001
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The Composite leading index has declined or unchanged for the sixth straight month.

In Canada May 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) remained unchanged at 166.2 over April 2001.

Four of ten indices were positive. (down from 5 in April)

The housing index (1992=100) increased +3.6% to 107.5.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.6% to $96.9 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +1.2% to $1.6 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.3% to $7.1 billion

Four of ten indices were negative. (down from 5 in April)

The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -1.9% to 8,223.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1 % to 107.0.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined -1.2% to $22.7 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.78 from 1.81 in March.

Two of ten indices were unchanged (up from 0 in April)

Business and personal services employment remained unchanged at 2.5 million.
The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.9 hours.

WHOLESALE TRADE APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada April 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.9% to $31.9 billion over March 2001, and increased +1.4% over April 2000. Inventories declined -0.1% to $44.0 billion over March 2001, and increased +3.9% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to $557 million over March 2001, and declined -1.7% over April 2000.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

In Canada April 2001, the international trade surplus increased to $6.3 billion. The year-to-date surplus increased to $120.3 billion from $118.0 billion in Jan-Apr 2000.

In Canada April 2001, international merchandise exports (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to $37.0 billion over March 2001, and increased +10.3% over April 2000. Year-to-date exports increased +9.7% to $148.0 billion over Jan-Apr 2000.

In Canada April 2001, international merchandise imports (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.9% to $30.7 billion over March 2001, and increased +2.1% over April 2000. Year-to-date imports increased +2.0% to $120.3 billion over Jan-Apr 2000.

RETAIL TRADE APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada April 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.6% to $24.2 billion over March 2001, and increased +6.8% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to $718 million over March 2001, and increased +3.7% over April 2000.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APRIL 2001

In Canada April 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -1.2% to 495,720 over March 2001, and increased +0.3% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -2.8% to 28,910 over March 2001, and increased +3.7% over April 2000.

NATURAL GAS SALES APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada April 2001, natural gas sales declined -7.1% to 5.8 billion cubic metres over April 2000. Year-to-date sales declined -6.2% to 28.8 billion cubic metres over Jan-Apr 2000.

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IMPACT OF SMOKING ON LIFE EXPECTANCY AND DISABILITY
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-209-XPE

In Canada 1995, 55% of non-smoking men aged 45 were expected to live to age 80. In contrast, 30% of smoking men aged 45 were expected to live to age 80.

In Canada 1995, 70% of non-smoking women aged 45 were expected to live to age 80. In contrast, 40% of smoking women aged 45 were expected to live to age 80.

LOW INCOME INTENSITY 1993 AND 1997
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XIE

In Canada 1993 to 1997, the average after tax income of individuals and families with market income below LICO-IAT ($16,732) declined -$1,313. Market earnings increased +$39, EI benefits declined -$1,111, social assistance declined -$485, other transfers increased +$94, and taxes declined -$149.

In Canada 1993 to 1997, low income intensity increased +9.9%. Among rural and urban areas, low income intensity increased +13.1% in rural areas, +11.9% in small/medium urban areas, and 8% in large urban areas.

Note: Low income intensity is defined as the product of the low income rate (fraction of populatioon below a pre-determined cutoff) , the low income gap (income and LICO difference) and the level of inequality.
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LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY COMPENSATION AND UNIT LABOUR COST 1ST QUARTER 2001

Canada recorded its first decline in labour productivity since 1996.

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, labour productivity (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.2% over 1st quarter 2000. Hourly compensation increased +1.7% and unit labour cost increased +1.9%.

Note: Labour productivity (real GDP per hour worked) is the ratio of output to labour input.

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

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In Canada April 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$3.7 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$18.5 billion.

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ADULT CORRECTIONAL SERVICES 1999-2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XIE, 85-211-XIE

In Canada 1909-2000, the average number of adults in custody declined (8 year low) 2% to 31,000 over 1998-1999. The number of adults performing community service increased (all time high) +2% to 121,000 over 1998-1999. Over the year, the number of adults remanded into custody increased +4% to 220,600 over 1998-1999.

In Canada 1999-2000, government expenditures to operate the adult correctional system increased 9.1% to $2.4 billion over 1998-1999. The average daily cost to house inmates in federal institutions was $184, an increase of 5% (adjusted for inflation) over 1998-1999. In Provincial institutions costs (adjusted for inflation) increased +5% to a daily average of $128.

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-002-XPB

In Canada April 1, 2001, the population stood at 30,949,914, an increase of 0.3% over 2000.

In Nova Scotia April 1, 2001, the population stood at 942,075, an decline of 247 over April 1, 2000.

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EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada April 2001, average weekly earnings (Seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to 661.05 over March 2001, and increased +1.8% over April 2000. Employment remained unchanged at 12.8 million over March 2001, and increased +0.1% over April 2000.

In Nova Scotia 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to $567.77 over March 2001, and increased +2.6% over April 2001. Employment declined -0.6% to 359,000 over March 2001, and increased +0.3% over April 2001.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF LARGE RETAILERS APRIL 2001

In Canada April 2001, sales by a group of large retailers increased +3.7% to $6.1 billion over April 2000

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada April 2001, crude oil production increased +2.9% to 10.7 million cubic metres over April 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.3% to 43.2 million cubic metres over Jan-Apr 2000.

In Canada April 2001, production of natural gas increased +3.1% to 14.0 billion cubic metres over April 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.6% tp 58.0 billion cubic metres over Jan-Apr 2000.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-203-XIB

In Canada 2000, the international trade in services deficit increased to $6.7 billion from $6.5 billion in 1999. Exports increased +6.9% to $55.3 billion. Imports increased +6.6% to $62.0 billion over 1999.

NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-009-XPB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, tourism expenditures increased +6.5% to $11.1 billion over 1st quarter 2000.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX MAY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada May 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 131.0 over April 2001 and increased +2.7% over May 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX MAY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada May 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 144.6 over April 2001, and increased +2.0% over May 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -0.3% to 126.1 over April 2001, and increased +1.4% over May 2000.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada April 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) remained unchanged at $796.7 billion (annualized) over March 2001 and increased +2.2% over April 2000.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries increased +0.1% to $256.2 billion (annualized) over March 2001, and increased +0.2% over April 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries remain unchanged at $540.5 billion (annualized) over March 2001, and increased +3.2% over April 2000.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS MAY 2001

In Canada May 2001, sales of refined petroleum products declined -0.7% to 8.0 million cubic metres over May 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +3.3% to 38.5 million cubic metres over Jan-May 2000.

PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XIB

In Canada 2001, seeding intentions for wheat increased +3% to 28.5 million acres over 2000. (Spring wheat +9% to 22.0 million acres, Durum wheat -15% to 9.9 million acres). Canola seeding intentions declined -18% to 9.9 million acres and field peas seeding intentions increased +16% to 3.6 million acres.

FARM OPERATORS' TOTAL INCOME 1999

In Canada 1999, total farm operators' income increased +0.1% to $40,009 over 1998. Total off-farm income increased +4.5% to $23,210 and net farm operating income declined -5.4% to $16,800.

Average total farm operators' income for poultry and egg farms increased +0.4% to $77,721, potato farms increased +12.0% to $76,299 and greenhouse/nursery farms increased +17.0% to $69,178. Average total farm operators' income for hog farms increased +18.5% to $31,466, cattle farms increased +2.3% to $31,016 and livestock combination farms increased +0.3% to $30,988.

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS MAY 2001

In Canada May 2001, department store sales increased +9.7% to $1.6 billion over May 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +8.5% over Jan-May 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2001, department store sales increased +6.7% to $43.9 million over May 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +2.0% to $183.3 million over Jan-May 2000.

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BUILDING PERMITS MAY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada May 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.6% to $3.2 billion over April 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits increased +13.0% to $16.7 billion over Jan-May 2000.

In Nova Scotia May 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +39.0% to $79.1 million over April 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -34.7% to $280.1 million over Jan-May 2000.

In Halifax May 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +116.0% to $53.2 million over April 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -48.9% to $139.8 million over Jan-May 2000.

TRENDS IN THE USE OF PRIVATE EDUCATION 1987/88 to 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 81-229-XPB

In Canada 1998/99, the percentage of students enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools increased to 5.6% from 5.4% in 1997/98, and from 4.6% in 1987/88. Spending in private schools 1998/99. was nearly $2 billion or 5.5% of total elementary and secondary school spending.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, the percentage of students enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools increased to 1.6% from 1.5% in 1997/98, and from 1.2% in 1987/88.

Quebec (9.2%), British Columbia (8.8%) and Manitoba (6.8%) lead the country in the percentage of students enrolled in private elementary and secondary schools.

PRIVATE TELEVISION BROADCASTERS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 56-001-XIE

In Canada 2000, private television broadcaster total revenues increased +0.7% to $1.9 billion over 1999. Profits declined to $180 million from $183 million in 1999. Average weekly employment declined -8.0% to 7,624.

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HELP-WANTED INDEX JUNE 2001

In Canada June 2001, the seasonally adjusted help wanted index (1996=100) declined -1.8% to 161 over May 2001, and declined -6.4% over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, the seasonally adjusted help wanted index (1996=100) declined -1.2% to 165 over May 2001, and declined -0.6% over June 2000.

CONTROL AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES 199/2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-202-XIB

In Canada fiscal year ending March 31,2000 the sales of alcoholic beverages (spirits, wines and beer) increased +5.2% to $13.0 billion over 1998/99. Sales by volume increased +2.1% to 2.5 billion litres, or 103.6 litres per capita.

In Nova Scotia sales by volume was reported at 94.6 litres per capita.

In Canada 1995-2000, government revenue from liquor authorities increased + 16.5% to $21 billion.

In Nova Scotia 1995-2000, government revenue from liquor authorities increased +23.8%.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY JUNE 2001
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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada June 2001 labour force declined -0.1% to 16.2 million, employment declined -0.1% to 15.1 million, unemployment declined -0.5% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.0% over May 2001.

In Nova Scotia June 2001 labour force increased +0.4% to 466,500, employment increased +0.3% to 419,600, unemployment increased +1.1% to 46,900 and the unemployment rate increased +0.1percentage points to 10.1% over May 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada June 2001 labour force increased +1.6% to 16.5 million, employment increased +1.2% to 15.4 million, unemployment increased +7.5% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 6.7% over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001 labour force increased +1.7% to 478.0, employment remained unchanged at 433,400, unemployment increased +21.1% to 44,700 and the unemployment rate increased +1.6 percentage points to 9.4% over June 2000.

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PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 1ST QUARTER 2001

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, public sector employment (federal, provincial, local, gov't business enterprises, military) increased +1.1% to 2.9 million over 1st quarter 2000. There are 93 public sector workers per 1,000 of population, down from 98 in 1996.

In Nova Scotia 1st quarter 2001, public sector employment declined -2.0% to 103,887 over 1st quarter 2000. (Federal = 22,847; provincial = 47,692; local = 27,237, govt bus. = 6,110). There are 111 public sector workers per 1,000 of population.

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PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION CRUDE OIL APRIL 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-001-XIB

In Canada April 2001, net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons increased +6.0% to 13.3 million cubic metres over April 2000. Year-to-date receipts increased +5.9% to 54.5 million cubic metres over Jan-Apr 2000.

PRIVATE RADIO BROADCASTERS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-001-XIE, Vol 32 No. 2

In Canada 2000 (year-ended August 31, 2000), revenue of private radio broadcasters increased +5.2% to $10 billion over 1999. Before tax profits increased +26.8% to $111.1 million over 1999. Employment increased to 9,159 from 8,645 in 1999.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX MAY 2001
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In Canada May 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 105.7 over April 2001, and increased +2.6% over May 2000.

In Halifax May 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 117.9 over April 2001, and increased +2.3% over May 2000.

AIR FARE STATISTICS 2ND QUARTER 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 51-004-XIB

In Canada 2nd quarter 1999, the average domestic air fare increased +5.6% to $208, over the 2nd quarter 1998 (88.0% of passengers traveled on discount fares).

International average air fare was unchanged at $364 (90.2% of passengers traveled on discount fares).

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MENTAL HEALTH STATISTICS 1998/99

In Canada 1998/99, the rate of patient discharges for mental disorders declined -5.7% to 639.3 per 100,000 population over 1997/98. Total number of discharges was 193,869.

Mental disorders required an average of 22 days of care (14% of total days) in general hospitals. In comparison the average for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and injuries was 8.6 days.

In Nova Scotia 1998/99, the rate of patient discharges for mental disorders declined -14.7% to 647.5 per 100,000 population over 1997/98. Total number of discharges was 6,069.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES, MAY 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada, on a seasonally adjusted basis, new motor vehicle sales declined 2.1% in May 2001 as compared to the previous month. 20

A 6.0% decline in the sale of new trucks was a major factor in the in the decrease of total sales. Offsetting declining truck sales was a 1.3% increase in the sale of passenger cars. New motor vehicle sales of passenger cars made overseas increased 7.3% while sales of North American made passenger cars fell 1.0%

Compared to May 2000, new motor vehicle sales in Canada were up 0.3%.

In Nova Scotia, on a seasonally adjusted basis, new motor vehicle sales in May 2001 increased 1.4% over April 2001 and were up 4.2% as compared to May 2000.

New motor vehicle sales were down in all provinces except Nova Scotia and the British Columbia Region (British Columbia, Yukon, Northwest Territories , and Nunavut).

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RETIREMENT SAVINGS THROUGH EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS AND REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS, 1999
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 75-001-XIE, Vol. 2, No. 7 and Statistics Canada Cat. No. 74F0002XPB

In Canada, 72% or 9.3 million taxfilers aged 25 to 64 saved for retirement in at least one year during the period 1993 to 1999 through either a registered retirement savings plan (RRSP) or through an employer sponsored registered pension plan (RPP).

During the 1993-1999 period, 61% of Canadian taxfilers contributed to RRSP's at least once while 45% participated in an RRP.

Income levels are the most important factor in saving for retirement. As income levels rise, the probability of retirement savings increased. Only 15% of taxfilers who earned less than $20,000 saved for retirement. Of those who earned between $20,000-$39,000 the proportion increased to 63%. The proportion increases to 92% for those with incomes of $60,000 or more.

In Nova Scotia, only 62.5% of taxfilers aged 25-64 saved for retirement at least once during the 1993-1999 period.

The proportion of taxfilers saving for retirement was lowest in Atlantic Canada (54.7% Newfoundland; 58.1%; New Brunswick; 60.3% PEI and 62.5% Nova Scotia). Statistics Canada has indicated that higher unemployment and lower incomes in the region are significant factors that may explain why the region has lower rates for retirement savings.

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PRIVATE AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT, 2001 REVISED INTENTIONS
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 61-206-XIE

In Canada, total public and private investment is expected to reach $189.6 billion in 2001; an increase of 6.3% over 2000. Revised investment intentions for 2001 released today are 4.5% higher than the 2001 investment intentions released in February.

Industries experiencing significant investment growth in 2001 over 2000 include: mining and oil and gas extraction industries (up 22.8% to reach $29.5 billion), education services (up 20.1% to reach $4.6 billion), utilities (up 17.7% to reach $9.7 billion), health care industries (up 17.7% to reach $4.2 billion) and information and culture industries (up 17.2% to reach $11.6 billion).

Offsetting these increases were declines in manufacturing (8.6% to reach $19.6 billion) and real estate and rental and leasing (down 8.3% to $7.1 billion).

In Nova Scotia, total public and private investment is expected to reach $4.3 billion in 2001; an increase of 2.4% over 2000. Revised investment intentions for 2001 released today are 3.5% higher than the 2001 investment intentions released in February.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING, May 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

In Canada, on a seasonally adjusted basis, manufacturing shipments increased by 2.1% in May 2001 over April 2001. Twelve out of 21 industries representing almost 75% of manufacturing shipments saw higher shipment values.

In Nova Scotia, on a seasonally adjusted basis, manufacturing shipments declined 2.4% in May 2001 over the previous month. Nova Scotia was one of three provinces which experienced a decline in manufacturing shipments in May 2001.

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Construction Union Wage Rate Index, June 2001
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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE, May 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada, international merchandise trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined 0.9% to $37.1 billion in May 2001 over April 2001, and increased 4.9% over May 2000. Year-to-date exports increased 9.6% to $186.5 billion over January-May 2000.

In Canada, international merchandise trade imports (seasonally adjusted) declined 1.4% to $30.1 billion in May 2001 over April 2000, and fell 1.8% over May 2000. Year-to-date imports (seasonally adjusted) increased 1.0% to $150.2 billion over January-May 2000.

In May 2001, the international merchandise balance of trade surplus in Canada stood at $7.0 billion. The year-to-date balance of trade surplus stood at $36.3 billion.

CRIME STATISTICS, 2000
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 85-002-XIE, Vol. 21, No. 8

The national crime rate in Canada, as reported by police agencies, fell by 1.0% in 2000. This was the crime rate's ninth consecutive decline.

Although property crime declined by 4.5%, it remains the most common offense at 4,070.5 incidents per 100,000 persons. Almost 53% of property crime was theft under $5,000.00. Violent crime increased by 2.8% to 981.7 incidents per 100,000 persons and other criminal code offenses (mischief, arson, prostitution, counterfeiting, etc.) increased by 3.7 % to 2,602.9 incidents per 100,000 persons.

Regionally, Saskatchewan had the highest crime rate of 12,730 incidents per 100,000 while Newfoundland had the lowest crime rate at 5,711 per 100,000 persons.

In Nova Scotia, the total crime rate stood at 7,571 offenses per 100,000 persons. On a year over year basis, the crime rate in Nova Scotia declined by 9.1% in 2000. Violent crime was down by 1.6% and property crime fell by 11.6%.

In terms of Census Metropolitan Areas, Halifax had the 6th highest rate of crime in 2000 behind Regina, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Victoria, and Winnipeg. Overall, the crime rate in Halifax decreased by 3.7% including a 6.7% decrease in property crime. Violent crime, however, increased by 12%.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, May 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 66-001-PIB, Vol. 17, No. 5

In May 2001, 4.2 million foreigners made same day and overnight visits to Canada, an increase of 0.6% over the previous month. The number of Canadians traveling aboard (same day and overnight visits) was 3.8 million, an increase of 0.4%.

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RETAIL SALES, May 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

In Canada, seasonally adjusted retail sales increased by 0.2% in May 2001 over April 2001. Total retail sales in Canada during May 2001 were $24.3 billion. May's increase is largely attributable to price effects including higher prices for gasoline, cigarettes, and fresh fruit. On a constant dollar basis, retail sales in May 2001 declined by 0.3%.

Three of seven sectors, "Other retail sales", food, and drug stores saw 1.5%, 1.2% and 1.0% increases respectively. The automotive and furniture sectors were unchanged. Clothing and general merchandise stores experienced declines of 3.2% and 0.4%, respectively.

Seasonally adjusted national retail sales were up 5.6% over May 2000.

In Nova Scotia, seasonally adjusted retail sales increased by 1.8% over April 2001. Total retail sales in Nova Scotia stood at $722 million in May 2001.

On a year-over-year basis, Nova Scotia's retail sales were up 5.4%.

NATURAL GAS SALES, May 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada, during May 2001, sales of natural gas declined 8.2% from May 2000. Total natural gas sales in May 2001 stood at 4,527 million cubic metres.

The decline in the sales of natural gas is due to warmer than normal weather during the month of May. Residential sales were down by 25.5%. Sales to the industrial sector were down 3.3% because of lower demand by electric utilities and the chemical industry.

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Farm Product Price Index, May 2001

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COMPOSITE INDEX, June 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada June 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased to 166.3; an increase of 0.1% over May 2001. This was the first increase in the leading indicator since December 2000.

Five of ten indices were positive. (up from 4 in May)

The housing index (1992=100) increased 0.8% to 107.3.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased 0.6% to $97.0 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) rose 0.2 % to 107.2.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased 0.7% to $1.6 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased 1.0% to $7.2 billion

Three of ten indices were negative. (down from 5 in May)

The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined 39% to 7,906.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined 2.2% to $22.1 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.77 from 1.78 in May.

Two of ten indices were unchanged (unchanged from May)

Business and personal services employment remained unchanged at 2.5 million.
The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 39.0 hours.

Other Releases:

Monthly Survey of Large Retailers, May 2001
Annual Survey of Manufacturers, Selected Industries, 1999

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX, June 2001
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada, June 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) fell 0.9% to 129.8 over May 2001, and increased 1.7% over June 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX, June 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada, June 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined 1.6% to 142.4 over May 2001, and fell 1.9% over June 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined 1.8% to 122.9 over May 2001, and increased 0.2% over June 2000.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS, June 2001

In Canada, June 2001, seasonally adjusted department store sales increased 0.6% over May 2001 to $1.65 billion.

On a seasonally unadjusted basis, Canadian department store sales stood at $1.61 billion; an increase of 9.2% over June 2000

In Nova Scotia, on a seasonally unadjusted basis, department store sales were $46.4 million; an increase of 2.2% over June 2000.

POPULATION OF BUSINESSES WITH EMPLOYEES, Second Quarter 2001

In Canada, there were 1,004,728 businesses with employees in the second quarter; an increase of 0.3% from first quarter 2001.

Other Releases:

Sawmills and Planing Mills, May 2001

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UNIVERSITY FINANCES, 1999/2000

In Canada, during the 1999-00 academic year, universities' revenues were $14.9 billion; an increase of 15.7% over 1998-99.

Funding from the three levels of government was up $1.1 billion; an increase of 15.1% over 1998-99. Students paid an additional $256 million in tuition and related fees and bequests and donations were up $156 million.

Despite of the significant increase in government funding, the proportion of government funding to total revenue was 55%; unchanged in 1999-00 over 1998-99. Student fees accounted for 19% of revenues; down from 20% in 1998-99.

Nationally, universities spent $14.2 billion in 1999-00; an increase of 11.7% over 1998-99. Salaries and benefits accounted for 58% of total expenditures; an increase of 5.0% over 1998-99. Expenditures on scholarships and bursaries increased 23.9% in 1999-00 over 1998-99.

In Nova Scotia, universities revenues' were $642.3 million in 1999-00. Government funding made up 43.4% of total revenues in 1999-00 and was the lowest in Canada. Revenues from the three levels of government, however, were up 9.4% over 1998-99. Student fees accounted for 25.5% of revenues and were the highest in Canada. Bequests and donations made up of 7.8% of total revenues.

In terms of expenditures, Nova Scotia spent a higher than average share of its expenditures (3.0%) on buildings and maintenance.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST BY INDUSTRY, May 2001
Statistics Canada, 15-001-XIE

In Canada, May 2001, Gross Domestic Product at factor cost was $798,821 million (1992 prices, annualized rate); an increase of 0.3% over the previous month. May's GDP growth rate is the strongest in seven months.

Service producing industries rose 0.4% in May 2001 due, in part, to one time events in the public sector. Education services and government services GDP rose 1.6% and 1.3% respectively, as 12,700 Toronto teaching support staff and 18,500 public servants in Newfoundland returned to work after strikes in April. Government services were also boosted by the hiring of 37,000 canvassers for the 2001 Census.

Finance and insurance services and transportation and storage were also up 1.3% and 1.0%.

GDP in the goods producing industries was unchanged in May 2001. Within the goods producing sector, manufacturing rose 0.9% while forestry and logging, and mining fell 2.0% and 1.9%.

On a year over year basis, Canada's Gross Domestic Product was up 1.7% over May 2000.

Other Releases:

Annual Survey of Manufacturers, 1999 (Selected Industries)
Postal Code Conversion File, June 2001
Coal and Coke Statistics, May 2001
Electric Power Statistics, May 2001
Energy Consumption by Manufacturing Industries, 2000

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QUARTERLY BUSINESS CONDITIONS SURVEY: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, July 2001

In July 2001, Canadian manufacturers remained apprehensive about the prospects in the next three months but were less pessimistic than they had been in the previous quarter.

Only 18% of manufacturers believe that there production will increase in the next three months while 28% thought production would decline. About 54% saw production as unchanged.

Seven percent of manufacturers think that orders will increase in the next quarter. Half of manufacturers believe orders will be unchanged while 43% think they will decline.

Although most manufacturers (68%) believe that their level of finished product inventory is about right, 30% believe that their inventories are too high.

Almost three quarters of manufacturers believe employment in the sector will be unchanged. Only 10% of manufacturers expected to increase employment in the next quarter while 17% expect employment to decline.

Other Releases:

Domestic Sales of Refined Petroleum Products, June 2001
Cable and Wireless Program Distribution, 2000
Annual Survey of Manufacturing (selected industries), 1999
Steel Primary Forms, Week ending July 28,2001
Cereals and Oilseeds Review, May 2001
Farm Product Prices, June 2001

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BUILDING PERMITS JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada June 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $3.3 billion over May 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits increased +12.4% to $20.1 billion over Jan-Jun 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -24.6% to $60.2 million over May 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -30.3% to $341.0 million over Jan-Jun 2000.

In Halifax June 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -41.5% to $31.6 million over May 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -41.5% to $172.4 million over Jan-Jun 2000.

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HELP-WANTED INDEX JULY 2001

In Canada July 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -3.7% to 155 over June 2001 and declined -10.9% over July 2001.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -1.8% to 162 over June 2001 and declined -1.8% over July 2001.

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the non-residential building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +1.1% to 124.9 over the 1st quarter 2001, and increased +3.7% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

In Halifax 2nd quarter 2001, the non-residential building construction price index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 109.5 over the 1st quarter 2001, and increased +0.6% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

A PROFILE OF CRIMINAL VICTIMIZATION: GENERAL SOCIAL SURVEY 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-553-XIE

In Canada 1999, the victimization rate increased +13% to 218 per 1000 households compared to 1993. The total number of criminal incidents (break and enter, motor vehicle/parts theft, theft of household property, vandalism) was 2,7 million.

In Nova Scotia 1999 the victimization rate per 1000 households was 200. The total number of criminal incidents was 76,000.

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THE FUTURE FOR CANADA-US CONTAINER PORT RIVALRIES

In 1999, the total containerized cargo handled at North American ports was 155.47 million tonnes. Containerized cargo handled by Canadian ports was 21.4 million tonnes (13.8%)of total).

Of the top 20 North American ports handling laden twenty-foot equivalent unit containers (TEU), , Halifax ranks 15th. Halifax handled 3.57 million tonnes of containerized cargo in 1999, or about 17% of the Canadian total. Montreal (41%), Vancouver (42%)

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY JULY 2001
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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada July 2001 labour force remained unchanged at 16.2 million, employment remain declined -0.1% to 15.1 million, unemployment increased +0.8% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.0% over June 2001.

In Nova Scotia July 2001 labour force increased +0.8% to 470,000, employment increased +1.2% to 424,500, unemployment declined -3.2% to 45,400 and the unemployment rate declined -0.4 percentage points to 9.7% over June 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada July 2001 labour force increased +1.5% to 16.7 million, employment increased +1.2% to 15.5 million, unemployment increased +4.9% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.2 percentage points to 7.2% over July 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2001 labour force increased +1.6% to 491.3, employment increased +1.2% to 444,900, unemployment increased +5.5% to 46,400 and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 9.4% over July 2000.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada June 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 106.0 over May 2001, and increased +2.9% over June 2000.

In Halifax June 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 117.9 over May 2001, and increased +2.3% over June 2000.

FAMILY INCOME 1999
Statistics Canada Cat No. 13C0016, 89C0022

In Canada 1999, median family income increased +1.0% to $48,600 over 1998. In husband-wife families, median income increased to +1.3% to $54,100. In lone-parent families, median income increased +1.4% to $23,400.

In Halifax 1999, median family income increased +1.5% to $51,700 over 1998. In husband-wife families, median income increased to +1.8% to $58,200. In lone-parent families, median income increased +4.1% to $21,600.

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada June 2001, unit sales of new motor vehicles (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.5% to 133,766 units over May 2001, and remained unchanged over June 2000. Unadjusted units sales increased +0.3% to 161,073 units over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, unit sales of new motor vehicles (seasonally adjusted) declined -6.2% to 3,477 units over May 2001, and declined -9.0% over June 2000. Unadjusted unit sales declined -10.0% to 4,638 over June 2000.

APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased _0.7% to 121.6 over the 1st quarter 2001, and increased +3.0% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

In Halifax 2nd quarter 2001, the apartment building construction price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 112.4 over the 1st quarter 2001, and increased +1.1% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

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INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13C0015, 13C0017, 71C0018

In Canada 1999, the median employment income of individuals increased +1.0% to $22,400 over 1998. The economic dependancy ratio (portion of employment income from government transfer payments) declined to 16.62 from 17.61 in 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, the economic dependancy ratio (portion of employment income from government transfer payments) declined to 23.40 from 25.02 in 1998.

In Halifax 1999, the median employment income of individuals increased +1.3% to $23,500 over 1998. The economic dependancy ratio (portion of employment income from government transfer payments) declined to 13.82 from 14.75 in 1998.

APPRENTICESHIP 1994 to 1999

In Canada 1999, the number of registered apprentices increased +6.2% to 188,776 over 1998, and increased +13.9% over 1994.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT PRICE INDEX 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the machinery and equipment price index (1986=100) increased +3.5% to 137.8 over 1st quarter 2001.

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MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING MARCH 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

Nova Scotia leads the country in growth in manufacturing shipments this month. Seasonally adjusted shipments are at the high point for the year.

In Nova Scotia March 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +6.4% to $744 million over February 2001.

In Canada, shipments are up, but new orders are down.

In Canada June 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.9% to $43.3 billion over May 2001, and declined -3.4% over June 2000.

Inventories increased +1.0% to $65.5 billion over May 2001, and increased +5.5% over June 2000.

Unfilled orders declined -0.6% to $49.5 billion over May 2001, and increased +2.3% over June 2000.

New orders declined -3.7% to $43.1 billion over May 2001, and declined -5.1% over June 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio increased to 1.51 from 1.48 in May 2001, and increased from 1.38 in June 2000.

LEGAL AID 1999/2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85F0015XIE, 85F0028XIE

In Canada 1999/2000, legal aid expenditures declined -1.0% to $487.1 million over 1998/1999. Approved applications increased +2.0% to 503,074.

In Nova Scotia 1999/2000, legal aid expenditures increased +1.4% to 11,117 over 1998/1999. Approved applications increased +6.2% to 15,481.

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COMPOSITE INDEX, July 2001
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In Canada July 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) was unchanged at 166.2 over June 2001.

Five of ten indices were positive. (no change from June)

The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.2% to $97.1 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1 % to 107.3.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.8% to $22.6 billion.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.3% to $1.6 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.7% to $7.2 billion

Four of ten indices were negative. (up from 3 in June)

The housing index (1992=100) declined -1.4% to 106.0.
Business and personal services employment declined -0.3% to 2.5 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -1.0% to 7,829.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.74 from 1.76 in June..

One of ten indices were unchanged (down from two in June)

The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.9 hours.

MERCHANDISE TRADE JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada June 2000, the balance of trade in merchandise was a surplus of $5.8 billion. The year-to-date (Jan-Jun) balance of trade surplus now stands at $40.3 billion.

In Canada June 2001, international merchandise trade exports declined -0.1% to $36.1 billion over June 2000.
Year-to-date exports increased +7.0% to $220.7 billion over Jan-Jun 2000.

In Canada June 2001, international merchandise trade imports declined -0.6% to $30.3 billion over June 2000.
Year-to-date imports increased +0.7% to $180.4 billion over Jan-jun 2000.

MERCHANDISE TRADE JANUARY - MAY 2001

In Nova Scotia Jan - May 2001, the balance of trade in merchandise (including re-exports) was a surplus of $359 million. International merchandise export trade increased +30.6% to $2.5 billion over Jan-May 2000. International merchandise import trade declined -14.0% to $2.1 billion over Jan-May 2000.

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WHOLESALE TRADE JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada June 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $32.9 billion over May 2001, and increased +2.8% over June 2000. Inventories declined -0.1% to $44.0 billion over May 2001, and increased +3.0% over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, wholesale merchants' sales declined -0.2% to $565 million over May 2001, and declined -1.1% over June 2000.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX JULY 2001
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In Canada July 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.3% to 117.1 over June 2001, and increased +2.6% over July 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.3% to 114.9 over June 2001, and increased +2.2% over July 2000. Excluding the eight most volatile components* CPI increased +0.3% to 117.9 over June 2001, and increased +2.4% over July 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.3% to 116.7 over June 2001, and increased +2.3% over July 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) remained unchanged at 114.7 over June 2001, and increased +2.8% over July 2000.

Notes
- the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%
- Most volatile components are fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; inter-city transportation; tobacco products and smokers' supplies..

RETAIL TRADE JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XPB

In Canada June 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to $24.2 billion over May 2001, and increased +5.2% over June 2000. Retail sales (unadjusted) increased +4.6% to $25.9 billion over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.8% to $729 million over May 2001, and increased +2.2% over June 2000. Retail sales (unadjusted) increased +1.6% to $798 over June 2000.

LARGE RETAILERS JUNE 2001

In Canada June 2001, sales by the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +7.9% to $6.8 billion over June 2000.

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TIME LOST DUE TO INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XIE, Vol 2 No. 8

In Canada 2000, the number of workdays lost due to strikes and lockouts per 1,000 employees declined to 133 (lowest since 1980) from 203 in 1999.

In Canada first 5 months 2001, there were 90 strikes and lockouts compared to 207 in the same period in 2000. The workdays lost were higher (855,000 in 2001; 827,000 in 2000) because of longer strike durations.

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada June 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of $0.8 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$17.7 billion.

In Canada June 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$1.1 billion. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$27.1 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE JUNE 2001

In Canada June 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits increased +1.7% to 505,180 over May 2001, and increased +5.5% over June 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -3.5% to 27,970 over May 2001, and declined -2.8% over June 2000.

LIVESTOCK ESTIMATES
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 23-603-UPE

In Canada July 1, 2001, the cattle inventory increased to 14.6 million head from 14.4 million head one year earlier. The number of hogs increased to 12.34 million from 12.30 million and the number of sheep and lambs increased to 1.04 million from 0.98 million.

In Atlantic Canada July 1, 2001, the cattle, sheep and lamb herds were unchanged from the same date in 2000. Hog inventories iincreased to 393,000 from 379,000 in 2000.

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INTERNET USE AMONG OLDER CANADIANS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56F0004MIE

In Canada 2000, the number of Canadians aged 60 plus who used the internet in the past year was 614,000 or 13% of this age group. Internet use by younger people was 63%. - for those aged 15 to 17, more than 90% had used the internet.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada June 2001, production of crude oil declined -3.1% to 10.3 million cubic metres over June 2000. Year-to-date production increased +1.1% to 64.1 million cubic metres over Jan-Jun 2000.

In Canada June 2001, production of natural gas increased +1.1% to 13.3 billion cubic metres over June 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.3% to 85.5 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jun 2000.

NATURAL GAS SALES JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada June 2001, sales of natural gas declined -7.9% to 4.1 billion cubic metres over June 2000. Year-to-date sales declined -6.5% to 39.7 billion metres over Jan-Jun 2000.

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FARM CASH RECEIPTS JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-001-XIB, Vol 2 No. 2

In Canada January to June 2001, farm cash receipts increased +8.4% to $17.7 billion over Jan-Jun 2000. Total crops increased +0.3% to $6.7 billion and total livestock increased +12.0% to $9.3 billion.

In Nova Scotia January to June 2001, farm cash receipts increased +3.8% to $191 million over Jan-Jun 2000.

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX JUNE 2001
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In Canada June 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) increased +0.2% to 101.9 over May 2001, and increased +6.1% over June 2000.

UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES 2001/02

In Canada 2001/02, average undergraduate tuition fees have increased +3.6% to $3,528 (Agriculture = $3,322; Dentistry = $8,491). Undergraduate arts tuition has increased +2.0% to $3,452. Average Graduate tuition fees have increased +9.8% to $4,360.

In Nova Scotia 2001/02, average undergraduate arts tuition has increased +4.9% to $4,732 over 2000/01. Nova Scotia undergraduate arts tuition is the highest among all the provinces (Quebec is lowest at $1,912).

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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 2ND QUARTER 2001

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the international travel account deficit (seasonally adjusted) declined to -$440 million. Receipts (spending in Canada) declined -1.8% to $4.2 billion, and payments (spending outside Canada) declined -2.5% to $4.6 billion over the 1st quarter 2001.

ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS JULY 31, 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XIB

In Canada July 31, 2001 wheat production declined -20% to 21.5 million tonnes over 2000. Spring wheat declined -13% to 16.8 million tonnes and Durum wheat declined -45% to 3.1 million tonnes.

All major field crops, with the exception of flax, declined in production. Canola -28%; Barley -14%; Oats -12%; field peas -17%; Rye -33%.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada June 2001, average weekly earnings increased +0.2% to $661.38 over May 2001, and increased +1.3% over June 2000. Employment increased +0.2% to 12.8 million over May 2001, and declined -0.1% over June 2000. Average weekly hours for hourly paid employees declined -0.2 hours to 31.3 hours.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, average weekly earnings declined -0.3% to $562.44 over May 2001, and increased +0.4% over June 2000. Employment increased +0.6% to 359,000 over May 2001, and declined -0.6% over June 2000.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX JULY 2001
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada, July 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) declined -0.6% to 128.9 over June 2001, and increased 0.9% over July 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX, JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada, July 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined -1.7% to 138.9 over June 2001, and declined -2.0% over July 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -0.3% to 120.9 over June 2001, and declined -1.0% over July 2000.

CHARACTERISTICS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS 1ST QUARTER 2001

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, travel to Canada increased +5.5% to 2.8 million trips over 1st quarter 2000. Spending increased +14.8% to $0.8 billion. Average spending increased +11.7% to $1,297 per trip.

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Canadian Vehicle Survey 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 53-223-XIE
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In Canada 2000, The number of (in scope) vehicles reported was 17.3 million. These vehicles travelled 310,5 billion kilometres (averaged 17,958 km) in 2000.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of (in scope) vehicles reported was 518,097. These vehicles travelled 9.3 billion kilometres (averaged 17,860 km) in 2000.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-008-XIE

On Canada 2nd quarter 2001, corporate operating profits increased +0.6% to $44.7 billion over 1st quarter 2001, and declined -11.3% over 2nd quarter 2000.

In the 2nd quarter, non-financial industry profits declined -4.7% to $32.9 billion. (Oil and gas extraction industry profits declined -22.3% to $6.2 billion, and manufacturing industry profits declined -10.4% to $9.7 billion.)

In the 2nd quarter, financial industry profits increased +18.9% to $11.8 billion.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST JUNE 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada June 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.2% to $797.6 billion (annualized) over May 2001 and increased +1.2% over June 2000.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries declined -0.7% to $254.5 billion (annualized) over May 2001, and declined -0.8%% over June 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries remained unchanged at $543.1 billion (annualized) over May 2001, and increased +2.8% over June 2000.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-001-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the current account surplus (seasonally adjusted) declined to $9.9 billion from a $13.5 billion surplus in 1st quarter 2001.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-001-PPB, 13-014-PPB, 13F0016XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001 ($1997 chained), GDP increased +0.1% to $1.025 trillion over 1st quarter 2001. Consumer spending increased +0.3% to $578.5 billion; exports (goods & services) declined -0.8% to $441.4 billion.

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001 ($current), corporate profits declined -1.6% to $133.8 billion; personal income increased +0.5% to $557.1 billion.

Real gross domestic product ($chained 1997) increased +0.4% on an annualized basis (growth rate compounded annually) and increased +2.1% on a year-over-year basis (compared to the same quarter in the previous year)

NOTE:
With the release of 1st quarter national and economic and financial accounts, Statistics Canada has adopted a new measure for real GDP. The new formula (Chain Fisher) is now being used to estimate real GDP.
http://www.statcan.ca/english/concepts/chainfisher/index.htm
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RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT 2ND QUARTER 2001

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, residential construction investment increased +6.4% to $11.6 billion over the 2nd quarter 2000.

In Nova Scotia 2nd quarter 2001, residential construction investment increased +0.7% to $284.9 million over the 2nd quarter 2000.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM JULY 2001

In Canada July 2001, sales of refined petroleum products declined -0.9% to 7.9 billion cubic metres over July 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +2.6% to 54.5 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jul 2000.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES JULY 2001

In Canada July 2001, department store sales including concessions increased +7.5% to $1.5 billion over July 2000, and increased +8.4% to 9.8 billion over Jan-Jul 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, department store sales including concessions declined -0.4% to $41.9 million over July 2000, and increased +1.8% to $271.6 million over Jan-Jul 2000.

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BUILDING PERMITS JULY 2001
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In Canada July 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $3.4 billion over June 2001. Year-to-date value increased +13.0% to $23.5 billion over Jan-Jul 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +37.5% to $83.1 million over June 2001. Year-to-date value declined -26.4% to $424.2 million over Jan-Jul 2000.

In Halifax July 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +18.2% to $37.4 million over June 2001. Year-to-date value declined -39.9% to $209.7 million over Jan-Jul 2000.

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HELP WANTED INDEX

In Canada August 2001, the seasonally adjusted help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -1.3% to 153 over July 2001, and declined -12.6% over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, the seasonally adjusted help wanted index (1996=100) declined -1.2% to 160 over July 2001, and declined -3.0% over August 2000.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY AUGUST 2001
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http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada August 2001 labour force increased +0.2% to 16.2 million, employment declined -0.1% to 15.1 million, unemployment increased +2.8% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.2 percentage points to 7.2% over July 2001.

In Nova Scotia August 2001 labour force declined -0.2% to 468,900, employment declined -.04% to 423,500, unemployment increased +1.1% to 45,900 and the unemployment rate increased +0.1 percentage points to 9.8% over July 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada August 2001 labour force increased +1.3% to 16.7 million, employment increased 1.0% to 15.4 million, unemployment increased +5.3% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 7.5% over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001 labour force increased 1.8% to 485.9, employment increased +1.4% to 440,800, unemployment increased +5.6% to 45,100 and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 9.3% over August 2000.

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EDUCATION PRICE INDEX 1999

In Canada 1999, the education price index (1992=100) increased +2.3% to 110.1 over 1998. The salaries and wages index increased +2.1% to 106.4 and the non-salary index increased +2.8% to 127.9.

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INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 2ND QUARTER 2001

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, total non-farm goods producing industry industrial capacity declined -0.4% to 83.2% over the first quarter 2001, and declined -2.6% over 2nd quarter 2000.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada July 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 106.3 over June 2001, and increased +3.0% over July 2000.

In Halifax July 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 117.9 over June 2001, and increased +2.1% over July 2000.

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GRAIN STOCKS JULY 31, 2001
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In Canada July 31, 2001, the total stocks of wheat increased +19% to 9.2 million tonnes over the same date in 2000. Durum wheat increased +62% to 2.9 million tonnes and other wheat increased +6% to 6.3 million tonnes.

Stocks of lentils increased +158% to 206,000 tonnes.

Stocks of all other grain crops declined. Barley -14% to 2.5 million tonnes; Canola -51% to 1.1 million tonnes;

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada July 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.5% to 133,036 over June 2001, and increased +0.1% over July 2000. Unadjusted unit sales increased +1.2% to 130,499 over July 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +4.3% to 3,632 over June 2001, and increased +2.5% over July 2001. Unadjusted unit sales increased +3.3% to 3,707 over July 2000.

INTER-CORPORATE OWNERSHIP 3RD QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 61-517-XCB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, Statistics Canada reports that out of the 85,000 largest corporations tracked , 48,000 are in non-financial industries, and out of these, 9,000 are foreign-controlled.

In the top 5 non-financial industries (construction, general services to business, transportation equipment, food, beverage and tobacco, accommodation, restaurants, and recreation services) between 13 and 17% are foreign-controlled.

FOR-HIRE MOTOR CARRIERS OF FREIGHT 1ST QUARTER 2001

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the number of for-fire trucking companies (with revenues >$1 million) increased to 3000 from 2700 in the 1st quarter 2000. Operating revenues increased +9.3% to $5.1 billion and operating expenses increased +9.0% to $4.8 billion over 1st quarter 2000.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2001
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In Canada August 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 117.1 over July 2001, and increased +2.8% over August 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.2% to 115.1 over July 2001, and increased +2.2% over August 2000. Excluding the eight most volatile components* CPI increased +0.1% to 118.0 over July 2001, and increased +2.3% over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.2% to 116.5 over July 2001, and increased +2.2% over August 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.2% to 114.9 over July 2001, and increased +2.9% over August 2000.

Notes
- the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%
- Most volatile components are fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; inter-city transportation; tobacco products and smokers' supplies..

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada July 2001, trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to 3.9 million over June 2001. Year-over year trips abroad (unadjusted) declined -2.6% to 4.8 million over July 2000. Travel to Canada (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.6% to 3.2 million trips over June 2001. Year over year travel to Canada (unadjusted) increased +2.8% to 6.9 million trips over July 2000.

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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE BY MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

International merchandise trade goods enter or leave Nova Scotia by air, rail, road, water or other (e.g. pipeline) modes of transportation.

In Nova Scotia 1989 to 2000, almost 84% of all merchandise trade imports, measured by value, were transported by water. The percentage of goods transported by road averaged 8.1%, by air 6.0% by rail 1.8% and 0.5% were transported by other means.

In 2000, imports by water transport mode have increased to 88.3% from 75.4% in 1989. Road transportation has declined to 3.6% from 11.3% in 1989; rail transport has declined to 1.4% from 4.0% in 1989; air transport has declined to 6.4% from 7.9% in 1989.

In Nova Scotia 1989 to 2000, almost 45% of all merchandise trade exports, measured by value, were transported by road. The percentage of goods transported by water averaged 32.5%, by rail 15.7%, by air 4.9% and 2.3% were transported by other means.

In 2000, exports by road transport mode has increased to 45.2% from 36.1% in 1989. Water transportation has declined to 20.0% from 46.5% in 1989; rail transport and air transport have remained unchanged at about 15% and 3.5% respectively. Other transport mode increased to 16.6% in 2000 with the start of natural gas exports to the United States.

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XPB

In Canada July 2001, the international merchandise balance of trade surplus declined to $5.4 billion over June 2001. The year-to-date balance of trade surplus increased to $45 billion from $32 billion Jan-Jul 2000.

In Canada July 2001, international merchandise trade exports increased +0.2% to $35.5 billion over June 2001. Year-to-date exports increased +5.6% to $255.3 billion over Jan-Jul 2000. International merchandise trade imports declined -1.3% to $30.2 billion over June 2001. Year-to-date imports increased +0.3% to $210.3 billion over Jan-Jul 2000.

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING JULY 2001
Statistics Canada 31-001-XIB

In Nova Scotia July 2001, manufacturers' shipments declined -5.4% to $707 million over June 2001.

In Canada July 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.2% to $43.0 billion over June 2001, and declined -3.5% over July 2000.

Inventories declined -0.1% to $65.3 billion over June 2001, and increased +3.6% over July 2000.

Unfilled orders increased 1.2 % to $50.0 billion over June 2001, and declined -1.3% over July 2000.

New orders increased +1.7% to $43.6 billion over June 2001, and declined -6.8% over July 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio remained unchanged at 1.51 over June 2001, and increased from 1.41 in July 2000.

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WHOLESALE TRADE JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada July 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.4% to $32.9 billion over June 2001, and increased +1.5% over July 2000. Inventories declined -0.4% to $43.8 billion over June 2001, and increased +2.5% over July 2001.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.9% to $598 million over June 2001, and increased +3.0% over July 2000.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE JULY 2001

In Canada July 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits increased +7.4% to 542,520 over June 2001, and increased +18.8% over July 2000.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits increased +9.2% to 30,550 over June 2001, and increased +10.1% over July 2000.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 2ND QUARTER 2001

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, public sector employment increased +1.6% to 2.9 million over 2nd quarter 2000.

In Nova Scotia 2nd quarter 2001, public sector employment increased +0.6% to 105,103 over 2nd quarter 2000. (Federal = 23, 580; Provincial = 48,133; local = 27,367; government business enterprises = 6,022)

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY, HOURLY COMPENSATION AND UNIT LABOUR COST 2ND QUARTER 2001

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, labour productivity (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% over 2nd quarter 2000. Hourly compensation increased +2,7% , and unit labour cost increased +2.3% over the 2nd quarter 2000. In the same period real gross domestic product increased +2.0%.

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RETAIL TRADE JULY 2001
Statistics Canada 63-005-XIB

In Canada July 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.5% to $24.1 billion over June 2001, and increased +3.4% over July 2000. Retail sales (unadjusted) increased +2.9% to $24.5 billion over July 2000.

In Nova Scotia June 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $735 million over June 2001, and increased +1.3% over July 2000. Retail sales (unadjusted) increased +1.6% to $766 over July 2000.

LARGE RETAILERS JULY 2001

In Canada July 2001, sales by the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +3.2% to $6.4 billion over July 2000.

CHALLENGES TO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION

Two paper available from Statistics Canada.

Impediments to advanced technology adoption for Canadian manufacturers
http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/11F0019MIE/11F0019MIE99105.pdf

Skill shortages and advanced technology adoption
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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada July 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$5.1 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$12.8 billion.

In Canada July 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an inflow of $319 million.. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$26.8 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX (FPPI) JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-007-XIB, Vol 1 No. 7

In Canada July 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) declined -1.2% to 99.5 over June 2001, and increased +5.9% over July 2000.

The FPPI (crops) declined -1.4% to 84.7 over June 2001, and increased +1.6% over July 2000. The FPPI (livestock) declined -0.6% to 113.8 over June 2001, and increased +8.8% over July 2001.

NATURAL GAS SALES JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada July 2001, natural gas sales declined -4.2% to 3.8 billion cubic metres over July 2001. Year-to-date sales declined -6.3% to 40.8 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jul 2000.

EMPLOYER PENSION PLANS 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 74-001-XIB

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, the market value of employer sponsored pension plans declined -2.5% to $580.2 billion over the 4th quarter 2000 Total net income for all trusted pension funds declined -80.6% to $3.6 billion over the 4th quarter 2000.

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COMPOSITE INDEX, July 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada August 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) was unchanged at 166.1 over July 2001. (2nd month in a row)

Four of ten indices were positive. (down from 5 in July)

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The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.2 % to 107.5.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.1% to $1.6 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.2% to $7.2 billion

Five of ten indices were negative. (up from 4 in June)

Business and personal services employment declined -0.3% to 2.5 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -0.5% to 7,787.
The money supply (M1 1992$) declined -0.1% to $96,8 billion.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined -0.8% to $21.9 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.72 from 1.74 in July..

One of ten indices were unchanged (no change from July)

The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 38.9 hours.

EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada July 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.5% to $665.41 over June 2001, and increased +1.8% over July 2001. Employment (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to 12.8 million over June 2001.

In Nova Scotia July 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $564.25 over June 2001, and increased +0.8% over July 2001. Employment (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.1% to 355,000 over June 2001.

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AQUACULTURE STATISTICS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 23-603-UPE

In Canada 2000, the gross value added (factor cost) of the aquaculture industry increased by $190,000 to $275.8 million over 1999. Sales of aqua products and services increased +8.5% to $674.1 million over 1999.

In Nova Scotia, revenues increased +48.0% to $43.5 million over 1999.

INNOVATION IN CANADIAN MANUFACTURING: PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 88F0006XIE No. 13

http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/88F0006XIB/88F0006XIB01013.pdf

Note: characteristics of innovative firms in manufacturing at the provincial level. (125 pages)

In Canada 1997-1999, about 80% of manufacturing firms were innovators. About 68% were involved with product innovation, 66% in process innovation and 54% in both. The percentage of firms reporting research and development activities was 67.5%.

In Nova Scotia 1997-1999, about 77% of manufacturing firms were innovators - 64% were involved with product innovation, 63% with process innovation and 50% with both. The percentage of firms reporting research and development activities was 68.5%.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada July 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.1% to $937.4 billion (annualized) over June 2001 and increased +0.4% over July 2000. Over the last three months (May, June, July) GDP at factor cost growth has been +0.2%, -0.2%, and -0.1%.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries declined -0.3% to $298.1 billion (annualized) over June 2001, and declined -3.2%% over July 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries remained unchanged at $639.3 billion (annualized) over June 2001, and increased +2.1% over July 2000.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada, August 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) remained unchanged at 128.8 over July 2001, and increased +0.9% over June 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX, AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada, August 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined -0.3% to 138.8 over July 2001, and declined -4.5% over August 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -1.7% to 119.4 over July 2001, and declined -2.8% over August 2000.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada July 2001, crude oil production declined -0.1% to 10.8 million cubic metres over July 2000. Year-to-date production increased +1.0% to 75.0 million cubic metres over Jan-Jul 2000.

In Canada July 2001, natural gas production increased +4.1% to 14.1 billion cubic metres over July 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.6% to 99.7 billion cubic metres over Jan-Jul 2000.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS 1ST QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-002-XIE

In Canada 1st quarter 2001, operating revenues in the telecommunications industry increased +5.5% to $7.8 billion

over 1st quarter 2000. Operating profits declined -22.4% to $994 million over 1st quarter 2000. Employment declined -1.5% to 79,058 full-time employees from the 4th quarter 2000, and increased +0.9% over the first quarter 2000.

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DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS AUGUST 2001

In Canada August 2001, department store sales increased +10.4% to $1.6 billion over August 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +8.7% to $11.4 billion over Jan-Aug 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, department store sales increased +8.1% to $48.1 million over August 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +2.6% to $319.9 million over Jan-Aug 2000.

CANADA/MEXICO MERCHANDISE TRADE RECONCILIATION 1999

Measurement of international trade statistics differs between trading partners. In 1999, Canada reported $1.6 billion in exports to Mexico, while Mexico recorded $4.3 billion imports from Canada - a difference of $2.7 billion. In 1999, Canada reported $9.6 billion in imports from Mexico, while Mexico recorded $3.6 billion in exports to Canada - a difference of $6.1 billion.

Indirect trade appears to be the source of the differential.

The Mexican release is available at
http://www.inegi.gob.mx/difusion/ingles/portadai.html
The United States release at
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AIR FARE STATISTICS 3RD QUARTER 1999
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In Canada 3rd quarter 1999, the average domestic air fare increased +2.6% to $214 over the 2nd quarter 1999, and increased +9.0% over the 3rd quarter 1998. On domestic scheduled services, 90.4% of passengers flew on discount fares.

In Canada 3rd quarter 1999, the average international air fare increased +2.7% to $387 over the 3rd quarter 1998. On international scheduled services 92.2% of passengers flew on discount fares.

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FIXED ASSETS 2001

In Canada 2001, it is estimated that by year end the total value of the fixed assets used to produce goods and services will be valued at about $2.4 trillion ($1997).

The value of fixed assets have increased +75% over the last 20 years. Machinery and equipment assets have increased +140% to $778.3 billion in the same period.

The value of fixed assets ($1997) in Public Administration is valued at $407.5 billion; in utilities $344.6 billion; in manufacturing $308.5 billion; in mining and gas extraction $247.7 billion; and in information and cultural industries $201.1 billion.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND THE PERFORMANCE OF MANUFACTURING FIRMS.
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MIE01174

In Canada 1988 to 1997, 54% of manufacturing plants that employed ICTs (software, hardware, network communications technologies) experienced high growth, while 39% of manufacturing plants that employed ICTs experienced low growth.

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BUILDING PERMITS AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada August 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -4.4% to $3.3 billion over July 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits increased +11.2% to $26.8 billion over Jan-Aug 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -25.3% to $62.4 million over July 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -23.9% to $487.2 million over Jan-Aug 2000.

In Halifax August 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -37.4% to $23.6 million over July 2001. Year-to-date value of building permits declined -38.8% to $233.6 million over Jan-Aug 2000.

NATIONAL TOURISM INDICATORS 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-009-XPB

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, tourism spending increased +3.9% to $13.7 billion over 2nd quarter 2000.

HELP-WANTED INDEX SEPTEMBER 2001

In Canada September 2001, the seasonally adjusted help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -3.3% to 148 over August 2001, and declined -16.4% over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, the seasonally adjusted help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -1.9% to 157 over August 2001, and declined -4.3% over September 2000.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AUGUST 2001

In Canada August 2001, sale of refined petroleum products increased +2.5% to 8.7 million cubic metres over August 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +2.8% to 63.3 million cubic metres over Jan-Aug 2000.

PASSENGER BUS AND URBAN TRANSIT 2000

In Canada 2000, passenger bus and urban transit industry revenues increased +9.2% to $4.0 billion over 1999. Expenditures increased +3.8% to $5.4 billion over 1999.

Urban transit gross revenues (excluding subsidies) increased +7.5% to $2.0 billion over 1999. The number of passengers increased +4.2% to 1.5 billion.

Scheduled intercity carrier gross revenues increased +16.7% to $275.2 million over 1999. Ridership increased +4.1% to 13.7 million.

School bus company gross revenues increased +9.2% to $1.5 billion over 1999.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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http://www.gov.ns.ca/fina/publish/pub34.htm

Finance IntraNet users see
http://iweb.gov.ns.ca/fina/statisti/library.htm

Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada September 2001 labour force increased +0.1% to 16.3 million, employment increased +0.1% to 15.1 million, unemployment declined -0.8% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 7.2% over August 2001.

In Nova Scotia September 2001 labour force increased +0.4% to 470,600, employment increased +0.6% to 425,600, unemployment declined -2.0% to 45,000 and the unemployment rate declined -0.2 percentage points to 9.6% over August 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada September 2001 labour force increased +1.1% to 16.2 million, employment increased 0.8% to 15.2 million, unemployment increased +5.8% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 6.6% over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001 labour force increased 1.9% to 470,3, employment increased +1.8% to 429,700, unemployment increased +2.8% to 40,700 and the unemployment rate increased +0.1 percentage points to 8.7% over September 2000.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2001
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In Canada August 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 106.5 over July 2001, and increased +2.9% over August 2000.

In Halifax August 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.7% to 118.7 over July 2001, and increaed +2.8% over August 2000.

QUARTERLY RETAIL COMMODITY SURVEY 2ND QUARTER 2001

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, retail sales (unadjusted) increased +6.4% to $76.2 billion over 2nd quarter 2000. Motor vehicles, parts and services increased +6.1% to $24.1 billion over 2nd quarter 2000.

As a matter of interest and as an illustration of the seasonality of this sector, in the 2nd quarter, retail sales (unadjusted) increased +23.3% over the 1st quarter 2001. Motor vehicles sales increased +34.8% in the same time frame..

NOBEL PRIZE (ECONOMICS) 2001

The Nobel Prize in Economics 2001 was awarded to George A. Akerlof, A. Michael Spence, and Joseph E. Stiglitz.

http://www.nobel.se/economics/laureates/index.html

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NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AUGUST 2001
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In Canada August 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.9% to 135,829 units over July 2001 and declined -1.9% over August 2000. Unadjusted unit sales declined -1.9% to 139,025 over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to 3,663 units over July 2001, and increased +0.4% over August 2000. Unadjusted unit sales remained unchanged at 3,634 units over August 2000.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE AND TECHNOLOGY USE 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56F0004MIE

In Canada 2000, the value of private sector orders received via the internet increased +73% to $7.2 billion over 1999. In the public sector internet sales declined -54% to $111.5 million over 1999.

In Canada 2000, 63% of private sector businesses used the internet, and 18% purchased goods and services on-line (an increase of 4 percentage points over 1999) . In the public sector 99% of public institutions used the internet, and 49% purchased goods and services on-line (an increase of 4 percentage points over 1999)

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SERVICES INDICATORS 2ND QUARTER 2001
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International trade

In Canada Jan-Jun 2001, international balance of trade in services deficit stood at $3.5 billion, an increase of +6.5% over Jan-Jun 2000. Exports of services increased +2.5% to $28.2 billion and Imports of services increased +3.0% to $31.7 billion.

(In Canada Jan-Jun 2001, international balance of trade in merchandise surplus stood at $40.3 billion.)

In international trade of goods and services, the export of services accounts for 12.8% of the total export trade; import of services accounts for 17.6% of the total import trade.

Employment

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, employment in the services sector increased +2.2% to 11.3 million over the 1st quarter 2001, and increased +1.9% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

Gross Domestic Product

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, GDP (real) increased +3.1% to $542.3 billion over 2nd quarter 2000.

Prices

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, prices ($1992=100) in services increased +2.5% to 119.0 over the 2nd quarter 2000.

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TRAVEL-LOG AUTUMN 2001
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In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the number of visitors from the United States increased +3.9% to 12.0 million over the 2nd quarter 2000. The number of visitors from overseas declined -4.3% to 1.2 million.

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, the number of Canadians traveling to the United States declined -4.7% to 10.4 million over 2nd quarter 2000. The number of Canadians traveling overseas increased +8.2% to 1.1 million over 2nd quarter 2000.

CANADIAN CONSUMER INFORMATION GATEWAY
http://consumerinformation.ca

On October 12, 2001 this on-line portal was upgraded to include access to reliable consumer information from over 220 provincial/territorial government departments and agencies

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2001
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In Canada September 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 117.4 over August 2001, and increased +2.6% over September 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.1% to 115.2 over August 2001, and increased +2.1% over September 2000. Excluding the eight most volatile components* CPI increased +0.2% to 118.2 over August 2001, and increased +2.3% over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) increased +0.6% to 117.2 over August 2001, and increased +1.9% over September 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.6% to 115.6 over August 2001, and increased +3.0% over September 2000.

Notes
- the Bank of Canada's target for core CPI is between 1% and 3%
- Most volatile components are fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; inter-city transportation; tobacco products and smokers' supplies..

MONTHLY SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

In Nova Scotia August 2001, manufacturers' shipments increased +3.1% to $726 million over July 2001.

In Canada August 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.7% to $43.2 billion over July 2001, and declined -5.6% over August 2000.

Inventories remained unchanged at $64.8 billion over July 2001, and increased +1.9% over August 2000.

Unfilled orders declined -0.5 % to $49.3 billion over July 2001, and declined -1.9% over August 2000.

New orders declined -0.6% to $43.0 billion over July 2001, and declined -5.5% over August 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio declined to 1.50 over July 2001, and increased from 1.39 in August 2000.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES JULY 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB

In Canada August 2001, trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.3% to 3.9 million over July 2001. Year-over year trips abroad (unadjusted) declined -0.9% to 5.0 million over August 2000.

Travel to Canada (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.0% to 4.3 million trips over July 2001. Year over year travel to Canada (unadjusted) increased +6.7% to 6.7 million trips over August 2000.

PER-CAPITA FOOD CONSUMPTION 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 32-230-XIB

In Canada 2000, potatoes was the most popular vegetable (74 kg consumed per person) and bananas was the most

popular fruit (13 kg consumed per person).

In Canada 2000, the per capita consumption of vegetables = 190 kg, fruit = 127 kg., oils and fat = 32 kg, and fish = 9 kg.

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NOVA SCOTIA STATISTICAL REVIEW 2001
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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

In Canada August 2001, the international merchandise trade surplus was $4.4 billion. The year-to-date trade surplus was $48.3 billion.

In Canada August 2001, international trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.4% to $34.1 billion over July 2001 and declined -4.4% over August 2000. Yeat-to-date exports increased +3.7% to $287.7 billion over Jan-Aug 2000.

In Canada August 2001, international merchandise trade imports declined -0.8% to $29.7 billion over July 2001, and declined -3.4% over August 2000. Year-to-date imports declined -0.5% to $239.4 billion over Jan-Aug 2000.

In Nova Scotia Jan-Jul 2001, the international merchandise trade surplus was $100.4 million. The 'surplus' was reduced by the 'import' of a floating drilling/production platform valued at $597.7 million.

Nova Scotia international merchandise trade exports increased +25.0% to $3.6 billion over Jan-JUl 2000, and international merchandise trade imports increased +2.4% to $3.5 billion ove Jan-Jul 2000.

WHOLESALE TRADE AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada August 2001, wholesale merchants' sales declined -3.9% to $4,7 billion over July 2001, and increased +5.8% over August 2000. Inventories declined -0.5% to $43.5 billion over July 2001, and increased +1.6% over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +3.4% to $622 million over July 2001, and increased +6.9% over August 2000.

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RETAIL TRADE AUGUST 2001
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In Canada August 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $24.3 billion over July 2001, and increased +3.6% over August 2000. Retail sales (unadjusted) increased +5.0% to $25.4 billion over August 2000.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.1% to $726 million over July 2001, and increased +1.7% over August 2000. Retail sales (unadjusted) increased +3.7% to $775 over August 2000.

LARGE RETAILERS AUGUST 2001

In Canada August 2001, sales by the group of large retailers (unadjusted) increased +8.5% to $6.9 billion over August 2000.

NATURAL GAS SALES AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada August 2001, natural gas sales declined -9.4% to 3.7 billion cubic metres over August 2000. Year-to-date sales declined -6.1% to 44.6 billion cubic metres over Jan-Aug 2000.

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E-COMMERCE: HOUSEHOLD SHOPPING ON THE INTERNET 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56F0003XIE

In Canada 2000, the total value of orders placed on the internet increased +165% to $1.1 billion over 1999.

An estimated 1.5 million households placed 9.1 million orders. The average expenditure per household increased to $757 from $517 in 1999. The average expenditure per order declined to $121 from $125 in 1999.

In Atlantic Canada 2000, the total value of orders placed on the internet increased +209% to $68 million over 1999.

The average expenditure per household increased to $669 from $449 in 1999. The average expenditure per order declined to $94 from $112 in 1999.

TELEVISION VIEWING FALL 2000

In the Fall 2000, Canadians watched television for an average of 21.5 hours per week. (Men = 20.9 hrs; women = 25.5 hrs; teens = 14.1 hrs; children = 15.5 hrs).

In the Fall 2000, Nova Scotians watched television for an average of 23.1 hours per week. (Men = 22.6 hrs; women = 27.0 hrs; teens = 15.0 hrs; children = 17.2 hrs).

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-007-XIB

In Canada August 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) increased +1.0% to 100.3 over July 2001, and increased +7.4% over August 2000.

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COMPOSITE INDEX, SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada September 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 166.3 over August 2001.
Note: This effects of September 11 have not been registered in most of the data.

Six of ten indices were positive. (up from 4 from August)

The housing index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 109.4.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +0.4% to $97.4 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.2 % to 107.6.
The average workweek (manufacturing) increased +0.3% to 39.1 hours.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) increased +0.5% to $1.6 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.4% to $7.2 billion

Four of ten indices were negative. (down from 5 in August

Business and personal services employment declined -0.4% to 2.5 million.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -2.9% to 7,565.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined -1.1% to $21.8 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.71 from 1.72 in August..

CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada August 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$7.2 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$20.3 billion.

In Canada August 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$1.2 billion.. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$28.1 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AUGUST 2001

In Canada August 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits declined -1.4% to 535,030 over July 2001, and increased +7.4% over August 2000.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES AND STOCKS SEPTEMBER 2001

In Canada September 2001, department store sales increased +3.3% to $1.5 billion over September 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +8.1% to $12.9 billion over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, department store sales declined -0.4% to $42.5 million over September 2000,. Year-to-date sales increased +2.2% to $362.4 million over Jan-Sep 2000.

IMPACT OF INTERPROVINCIAL MOBILITY ON INDIVIDUALS' EARNINGS 1982-1995
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 11F0019MPE No. 163

A recent Statistics Canada study indicated that interprovincial mobility is associated with changes in earnings. Depending of province of origin, the effect on earnings can be positive (from Nfld, NS, PEI, NB, Sask, BC) or negative (from Ont, Man, Alta).

Nova Scotia
The mean earnings (over 3 years) of individuals who remained in Nova Scotia increased +4.0%, the earnings (over 3 years) of individuals who moved increased +24.8%, and for those who returned/arrived or were transient, earnings increased +8.8%. .

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PLACEMENT OF CHICKS AND TURKEY POULETS SEPTEMBER 2001

In Canada September 2001, chick placements increased +5.8% to 56.3 million birds over September 2000. Turkey poult placements declined -6.8% to 1.8 million birds from September 2000.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada, September 2001, the industrial product price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 129.2 over August 2001, and increased +0.6% over September 2000.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX, SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada, September 2001, the raw materials price index (1992=100) declined -2.4% to 135.4 over August 2001, and declined -9.8% over September 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -0.9% to 118.3 over September 2001, and declined -3.9% over September 2000.

EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada August 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.4% to $668.52 over July 2001, and increased +1.8% over August 2001. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to 12.8 million over July 2001.

In Nova Scotia August 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.6% to $567.49 over July 2001, and increased +0.7% over August 2001. Employment (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.0% to 357,000 over July 2001.

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NOTE TO READERS

With current releases of provincial income and expenditure accounts and estimates of GDP by industry, please note the following:

Real GDP has been rebased from 1992 prices to 1997 prices.

The concept of GDP at factor cost has been replaced by , GDP at basic prices (includes indirect taxes on factors of production).

Business and government expenditures on software, which were treated as current expenses, have become capital expenditures. This has had the effect of raising the level of provincial GDP from 1981 to the present.

The 1980 SIC has been replaced with the 1997 NAICS.

PROVINCIAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-213-XDB

Market Prices
In Canada 2000, GDP at market ($1997) prices increased +4.6% to $1.01 trillion over 1999. In Nova Scotia, GDP at market prices increased +2.3% to $22.8 billion over 1999.

Basic Prices
In Canada 2000, GDP at basic ($1997) prices increased +4.5% to $929.6 billion over 1999. In Nova Scotia GDP at basic ($1997) prices increased +2.0% to $20.3 billion over 1999.

Personal Expenditure
In Canada 2000, personal expenditure on goods and services ($1997) increased +3.7% to $567.1 billion over 1999. In Nova Scotia personal expenditure on goods and services ($1997) increased +2.8% to $15.8 billion over 1999.

Final Demand
In Canada 2000, final demand ($1997) increased +4.3% to $959.7 billion over 1999. In Nova Scotia final demand declined -0.4% to $27.6 billion over 1999 (Nova Scotia was the only province/territory to report a decline).

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Subject: GDP by industry; Homicides

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada August 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1992 prices (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.1% to $939.8 billion (annualized) over August 2001 and increased +0.4% over August 2000. Over the last 12 months GDP at factor cost growth has improved in 5 months..

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries increased +0.2% to $299.7 billion (annualized) over July 2001, and declined -2.6%% over August 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries increased +0.1% to $640.1 billion (annualized) over July 2001, and increased +1.9% over August 2000.

HOMICIDES 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XIE

In Canada 2000, the number of homicides increased by 4 to 542 over 1999. The rate per 100,000 population was 1.8.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of homicides was 15, or 1.6 per 100,000 population.

In Halifax 2000, the number of homicides was 8, or 2.2 per 100,000 population.

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BUSINESS CONDITIONS SURVEY: MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, OCTOBER 2001

Canadian manufacturers are increasingly concerned about the pace of production and prospects for employment.

In Canada October 2001, manufacturers (58%) expect that during the next three months the volume of production will remain about the same as the last three months and an additional 8% believe that volume will increase. 34% expect volume to decline.

Orders received by 49% of manufacturers are expected to be about the same as the last quarter, with 5% are expecting increases and 46% declines.

48% consider the present backlog of unfilled orders as about normal, 4%, higher than normal and 48% lower than normal.

Most respondents (79%) believe the finished product inventory to be about right while 1% consider levels to be too low, and 20% believe
they are too high.

67% believe that employment during the next three months will change little, 9% expect an increase and 24% a decrease.

Most manufacturers (80%) do not foresee any production difficulties. A small number (7%) think that they may experience a skilled labour shortage, 2% an unskilled labour shortage. 3% expect a working capital shortage and 2% a raw material shortage.

HELP-WANTED INDEX OCTOBER 2001

In Canada October 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted declined -5.4% to 140 over September 2001, and declined -20.9% over October 2000..

In Nova Scotia October 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) seasonally adjusted declined -4.5% to 150 over September 2001, and declined -8.5% over October 2000.

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS AUGUST 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada August 2001, production of crude oil increased +2.0% to 10.9 million cubic metres over August 2000. Year-to-date production increased +1.2% to 85.9 million cubic metres over Jan-Aug 2000.

In Canada August 2001, natural gas production increased +3.9% to 14.3 billion cubic metres over August 2000,. Year-to-date production increased +3.9% to 114.3 billion cubic metres over Jan-Aug 2000.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada October 2001 labour force increased +0.2% to 16.3 million, employment remained unchanged at 15.1 million, unemployment increased +2.0% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.1% to 7.3% over September 2001.

In Nova Scotia October 2001 labour force increased +1.1% to 475,900, employment increased +1.0% to 429,700, unemployment increased +2.9% to 46,300 and the unemployment rate increased +0.1 percentage points to 9.7% over September 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada October 2001 labour force increased +1.1% to 16.2 million, employment increased 0.7% to 15.1 million, unemployment increased +6.9% to 1.1 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.4 percentage points to 6.7% over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001 labour force increased 3.3% to 474.7, employment increased +3.1% to 434,400, unemployment increased +6.6% to 40,400 and the unemployment rate increased +0.3 percentage points to 8.5% over October 2000.

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DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS SEPTEMBER 2001

In Canada September 2001, total sales of refined petroleum products declined -8.8% to 7.5 million cubic metres over September 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +1.6% to 70.9 million cubic metres over Jan-Sep 2000.

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Subject: University Enrollment

UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT 1999/2000

In Canada 1999/2000, university enrollment (total undergraduate) increased +1.7% to 719,900. Compared to 1992/93, university enrollment has declined -6.7%.

In Nova Scotia 1999/2000, university enrollment (full-time and part-time undergraduate and graduate) declined -1.6% to 36,600. Compared to 1992/93 university enrollment has declined -3.4%.

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NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada September 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 106.7 over August 2001, and increased +2.9% over September 2000.

In Halifax September 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) remained unchanged over August 2001, and increased +3.2% over September 2000.

BUILDING PERMITS SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada September 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.2% to $3.2 billion over August 2001. Year-to-date value increased +9.2% to $30.0 billion over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -5.4% to $58.6 million over August 2001. Year-to-date value declined -20.9% to $545.4 million over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Halifax September 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -3.0% to $22.9 million over August 2001. Year-to-date value declined -35.3% to $256.5 million over Jan-Sep 2000.

FAMILY INCOME 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-202-XIE

In Canada 1999, average family after-tax income increased +1.8% to $51,473 over 1998.

In Canada 1999, the average after-tax income for unattached individuals increased +2.7% to $22,064 over 1998.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS 2ND QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 56-002-XIE, Vol. 5 No. 2.

In Canada 2nd quarter 2001, operating revenues in the telecommunications industry increased +3.2% to $8.07 billion over 1st quarter 2001, and increased +6.4% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

Operating profits increased +6.4% to $1.36 billion over the 2nd quarter 2000.

Full-time employment declined -0.2% to 78,865 over the 1st quarter 2001, and declined -0.4% over the 2nd quarter 2000.

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NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEXES 3RD QUARTER 2001
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In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, the non-residential building construction composite price index (1992=100) increased +0.2% to 125.1 over the 2nd quarter 2001, and increased +2.5% over the 3rd quarter 2000.

In Halifax 3rd quarter 2001, the non-residential building construction composite price index (1992=100) increased +0.3% to 109.8 over the 2nd quarter 2001, and increased +0.5% over the 3rd quarter 2000.

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APARTMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX 3RD QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +0.4% to 122.1 over the 2nd quarter 2001, and increased +2.1% over the 3rd quarter 2000.

In Halifax 3rd quarter 2001, the apartment building construction price composite index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 113.1 over the 2nd quarter 2001, and increased +1.3% over the 3rd quarter 2000.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS 2001

Today the Department of Finance released the Public Accounts, fiscal year ending March 31, 2001. Volume 1 is available now on the internet. Volume 2 will be made available shortly.

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MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 31-001-XIB

In Nova Scotia September 2001, manufacturers' shipments increased +1.5% to $733 million over August 2001.

In Canada September 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.5% to $41.8 billion over August 2001, and declined -6.5% over September 2000.

Inventories declined -0.7% to $64.1 billion over August 2001, and increased +0.1% over September 2000.

Unfilled orders remained unchanged at $48.9 billion over August 2001, and declined -1.7% over September 2000.

New orders declined -1.4% to $41.8 billion over August 2001, and declined -5.3% over September 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio increased to 1.53 over August 2001, and increased from 1.43 in September 2000.

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COMPOSITE INDEX, OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada October 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 166.8 over September 2001.

Five of ten indices were positive. (down from 6 from September)

The housing index (1992=100) increased +1.7% to 111.1.
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +1.1% to $98.4 billion.
The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 107.7.
New orders, durables (1992$) increased +0.2% to $21.8 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) increased +0.3% to $7.2 billion

Three of ten indices were negative (down from 4 in September)

Business and personal services employment declined -0.1% to 2.5 million
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -3.4% to 7,310.
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) declined -0.1% to $1.6 billion.

Two of ten indices were unchanged.

The average workweek (manufacturing) remained unchanged at 39.1 hours.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio remained unchanged at 1.71.

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 65-001-XIB

In Canada September 2001, the international merchandise trade surplus was $4.7 billion. The year-to-date trade surplus was $51.1 billion.

In Canada September 2001, international trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.7% to $33.1 billion over August 2001 and declined -7.4% over September 2000. Year-to-date exports increased +1.7% to $318.7 billion over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Canada September 2001, international merchandise trade imports declined -4.6% to $28.4 billion over August 2001, and declined -7.1% over September 2000. Year-to-date imports declined -1.3% to $267.6 billion over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Nova Scotia Jan-Aug 2001, the international merchandise trade surplus was $245.6 million.

Nova Scotia international merchandise trade exports increased +22.2% to $4.1 billion over Jan-Aug 2000, and international merchandise trade imports increased +1.5% to $3.8 billion over Jan-Aug 2000.

Nova Scotia Jan-Aug 2001 natural gas exports have reached $987.2 million.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2001
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In Canada October 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.5% to 116.8 over September 2001, and increased +1.9% over October 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) declined -0.1% to 115.1 over August 2001, and increased +1.5% over October 2000. Excluding the eight most volatile components* CPI remained unchanged at 118.2 over September 2001, and increased +2.2% over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.7% to 116.4 over September 2001, and increased +0.9% over October 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) declined -0.2% to 115.4 over September 2001, and increased +2.7% over October 2000.

Notes
- the Bank of Canada's new target (Monetary Policy Report November 2001) for core CPI is 2%, plus or minus 1% (i.e. between 1% and 3%)
- Most volatile components are fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; inter-city transportation; tobacco products and smokers' supplies..

WHOLESALE TRADE SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada September 2001, wholesale merchants' sales declined -0.9% to $32.7 billion over August 2001, and increased +3.6% over September 2000. Inventories declined -0.9% to $43.0 billion over August 2001, and declined -0.1% over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, wholesale merchants' sales declined -0.8% to $610 million over August 2001, and increased +10.7% over September 2001.

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada September 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an outflow of -$7.2 billion.
Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$12.7 billion.

In Canada September 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$4.2 billion..
Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$32.21 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

RETAIL TRADE SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

In Canada September 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.7% to $23.7 billion over August 2001, and increased +1.2% over September 2000. Unadjusted retail sales declined -2.3% to $23.3 billion over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $726 million over August 2001, and increased +1.9% over September 2000. Unadjusted retail sales declined -3.0% to $694 million over September 2000.

LARGE RETAILERS SEPTEMBER 2001

In Canada September 2001, unadjusted sales by the group of large retailers (representing 37% of total annual sales) increased +1.1% to $6.5 billion over September 2000.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SEPTEMBER 2001

In Canada September 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.7% to 531,230 over August 2001, and increased +12.5% over September 2000.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, the number of beneficiaries receiving regular benefits (seasonally adjusted) declined -1.0% to 29,680 over August 2001, and increased +1.0% over September 2000.

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NATURAL GAS SALES SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada September 2001, sales of natural gas declined -9.0% to 3.8 billion cubic metres over September 2000.
Year-to-date sales declined -6.4% to 48.3 billion cubic metres over Jan-Sep 2000.

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FARM CASH RECEIPTS SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 21-001--XIB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, farm cash receipts increased +12.6% to $8.8 billion over Jul-Sep 2000. Year-to-date farm cash receipts increased +10.0% to $26.6 billion over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Nova Scotia 3rd quarter 2001, farm cash receipts increased +11.7% to $124 million over Jul-Sep 2000. Year-to-date farm cash receipts increased +7.5% to $317 million over Jan-Sep 2000.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS 1999

In Canada 1999, the operating profit margin of internet service providers was 1.7% from a total revenue of $578.9 million. Access services accounted for 84% of revenue, with the balance coming from web site hosting, consulting and design, and other services. Access services to households accounted for 57% of revenue.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER SERVICES 1999

In Canada 1999, computer systems design and related services industry revenues increased +33% to $16 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, software publisher industry total revenues increased +28% to $5.4 billion over 1998.

In Canada 1999, data processing industry revenues increased +25% to $1.4 billion over 1998.

Information technology technical consulting services accounted for 24% of revenues, while custom application design and development services accounted for 19%, computer systems design and development services 15%, network management services 10%, hardware sales/rental/maintenance services 6%.

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CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 26-006-XPB

In Canada September 2001, production of crude oil declined -2.8% to 10.3 million cubic metres over September 2000. Year-to-date production increased +0.8% to 96.2 million cubic metres over Jan-Sep 2000.

In Canada September 2001, production of natural gas increased +0.8% to 13.5 billion cubic metres over September 2000. Year-to-date production increased +3.6% to 127.8 billion cubic metres over Jan-Sep 2000.

CHARITABLE DONORS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13C0014

In Canada 2000, the number of charitable donors increased +2.3% to 5.5 million over 1999. Total donations increased +9.2% to $5.4 billion. Median donation was $190 per taxfiler.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of charitable donors increased +0.4% to 159,400 over 1999. Total donations increased +3.6% to $124.6 million. Median donation was $250 per taxfiler.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE: ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 2001
Financial Management System (FMS)

In Canada as of March 31, 2001 the federal government net debt (Financial Management System basis) stood at $545.3 billion, a decline of $16.4 billion over March 31, 2000. Financial assets were reported as $99.6 billion, and total liabilities as $644.9 billion.

Net debt as a percentage of gross domestic product declined to 49.8% from 54.5% in 2000 and from the high of 70.4% in 1996.

Net debt per capita declined to $17,605 from $18,310 in 2000 and from the high of $19,684 in 1997.

Note: FMS is a standardized presentation of government accounting. Government Public Accounts are adjusted to permit inter-government comparisons.

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EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AND HOURS SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada September 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.2% to $669.16 over August 2001, and increased +1.9% over September 2000. Employment declined -0.1% to 12.8 million over August 2001.

In Nova Scotia September 2001, average weekly earnings (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.3% to $568.82 over August 2001, and increased +1.1% over September 2000. Employment declined -0.3% to 356,000 over August 2001.

REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 17C0006, 17C0011, 17C0010.

In Canada 2000, the number of RRSP contributors increased +1.4% to 6.3 million over 1999. Contributions increased +2.6% to 29.3 million. Median contribution was $2,700.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of RRSP contributors declined -0.7% to 144,170 over 1999. Contributions increased +4.2% to $628,727. Median contribution was $2,200.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ACCOUNT 3RD QUARTER 2001

In the 3rd quarter 2001, Canada's international travel deficit increased to -$407 million, compared to the 2nd quarter 2001 (- $202 million), and declined from the $563 million deficit in the 3rd quarter 2000. Total receipts declined -7.9% to $3.9 billion; total payments declined -2.9% to $4.3 billion over 2nd quarter 2001.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 66-001-PIB, Vol. 17, No.9.

In Canada September 2001, travel abroad declined -19,7% to 3.1 million trips over August 2001, and declined -23.3% over September 2000. The number of foreigners traveling to Canada declined -25.4% to 3.2 million trips over August 2001, and declined -23.9% over September 2000.

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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada 62-011-XPB

In Canada, October 2001, the industrial product price index (1997=100) declined -1.2% to 106.7 over September 2001, and declined -1.0% over October 2000.

NOTE: IPPI rebased from 1992 to 1997.

RAW MATERIALS PRICE INDEX, OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-011-XPB

In Canada, October 2001, the raw materials price index (1997=100) declined -5.3% to 106.3 over September 2001, and declined -12.1% over October 2000.

The raw materials price index excluding mineral fuels declined -1.1% to 89.5 over September 2001, and declined -4.3% over October 2000.

NOTE: RMPI rebased from 1992 to 1997.

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 21-007-XIB

In Canada September 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) increased +0.3% to 101.6 over August 2001, and increased +10.3% over September 2000.

NOTE: FPPI rebased to 1997.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES OCTOBER 2001

In Canada October 2001, department store sales increased +9.5% to $1.7 billion over October 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +8.2% to $14.6 billion over Jan-Oct 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, department store sales increased +13.1% to $54.2 million over October 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +3.5% to $416.6 million over Jan-Oct 2000.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR ENTERPRISES 3RD QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 61-008-XIE

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, after tax profits of enterprises (all industry) declined -38.1% to $15,2 billion over the 2nd quarter 2001.

Operating revenues declined -2.0% to $520.7 billion, and operating profits declined -14.4% to $37.6 billion over the 2nd quarter.

In the financial sector, after tax profits declined -84.2% to $0.9 billion over 2nd quarter 2001. Operating revenues declined -5.5% to $54.4 billion and operating profits declined -21.8% to $9.1 billion.

In the non-financial sector, after tax profits declined -23.9% to $14.3 billion over 2nd quarter 2001. Operating revenues declined -1.5% to $455.3 billion, and operating profits declined -11.7% to $28.5 billion.

SAVERS, INVESTORS AND INVESTMENT INCOME 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 17C0009, 17C0007, 17C0008

In Canada 2000, the number of taxfilers reporting investment income increased +7.4% to 8.5 million (39% of taxfilers) over 1999. Total investment income increased +3.5% to $31.8 billion over 1999.

In Nova Scotia 2000, the number of taxfilers reporting investment income increased +7.2% to 214,250 (33% of taxfilers) over 1999. Total investment income increased +7.7% to $730 million over 1999.

NOTE: In 2000 many taxfilers were redefined from being savers to investors because of demutualization of some insurance companies.

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COMPUTER SYSTEMS DESIGN AND RELATED SERVICES 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-222-XPB

In Canada 1999, total revenue in computer design and related services (NAICS 541510) increased 33.2% to $16.0 billion over 1998. Employment increased +28.4% to 105,855 and the number of establishments increased +30.8% to 41,379.

In Nova Scotia 2000, total revenue in computer design and related services (NAICS 541510) increased 20.4% to $130 million over 1998. Employment increased +31.4% to 999 and the number of establishments increased +39.6% to 416.

SOFTWARE PUBLISHERS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-222-XPB

In Canada 1999, total revenue of software publishers (NAICS 511210) increased 28.0% to $5.4 billion over 1998. Employment increased +28.7% to 35,617 and the number of establishments increased +7.9% to 1,883.

DATA PROCESSING SERVICES 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-222-XPB

In Canada 1999, total revenue in data processing services (NAICS 514210) increased 24.7% to $1.4 billion over 1998. Employment increased +20.7% to 11,081 and the number of establishments increased +129.0% to 1,289.

INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS 1999
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-222-XPB

In Canada 1999, total revenue of internet service providers (NAICS 514191) increased 109.0% to $578.9 million over 1998. Employment increased +56.8% to 4,382 and the number of establishments declined -5.7% to 282.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY AT FACTOR COST SEPTEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XPB

In Canada June 2001, GDP at factor cost in 1997 prices (seasonally adjusted) declined -0.8% to $929.7 billion (annualized) over August 2001 and declined -0.6% over September 2000.

GDP growth (real) in goods-producing industries declined -1.5% to $291.5 billion (annualized) over August 2001, and declined -4.7%% over September 2000.

GDP growth (real) in the services-producing industries declined -0.5% to $638.2 billion (annualized) over August 2001, and increased +1.3% over September 2000.

NOTE: NOTE: GDP rebased from 1992 to 1997.

BALANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PAYMENTS 3RD QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 67-001-XPB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, the current account surplus (seasonally adjusted) declined to $5.5 billion from a $9.0 billion surplus in 2nd quarter 2001.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 3RD QUARTER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 13-001-PPB, 13-014-PPB, 13F0016XPB

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001 ($1997 chained), GDP declined -0.2% to $1.023 trillion over 2nd quarter 2001. Consumer spending declined -0.1% to $577.8 billion; exports (goods & services) declined -2.0% to $430.6 billion.

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001 ($current), corporate profits declined -13.9% to $111 billion; wages, salaries and supplementary labour income ($current) increased +0.3% to $557.7 billion.

Real gross domestic product ($chained 1997) declined -0.8% on an annualized basis (growth rate compounded annually) and increased +0.8% on a year-over-year basis (compared to the same quarter in the previous year)

NOTE:
With the release of 1st quarter national and economic and financial accounts, Statistics Canada has adopted a new measure for real GDP. The new formula (Chain Fisher) is now being used to estimate real GDP.
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RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT 3RD QUARTER 2001

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, residential construction investment increased +4.9% to $12.3 billion over the 3rd quarter 2000. Year-to-date residential construction investment increased +5.4% to $32.4 billion over Jan-Sep 2000.

Housing stock renovations increased +3.5% to $4.7 billion, over the 3rd quarter 2000.

In Nova Scotia 3rd quarter 2001, residential construction investment increased +3.5% to $332.7 million over the 3rd quarter 2000.

FARMING OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES 2000

In Canada 2000, average farm operating revenues increased +9.0% to $172,796 over 1999. Average farm expenses increased +8.6% to $148,395. Operating margins increased to 14.1 cents per revenue dollar from 13.8 cents a year earlier.

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MEASURING STUDENT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 81-590-XIE

In an OECD study (available today*), from among 32 participating countries, Canadian 15-year-old students ranked 2nd in reading, 5th in science and 6th in mathematics.

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PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FIELD CROPS NOVEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 22-002-XIB

In Canada 2001 (November estimates), total wheat production declined -21% to 21.3 million tonnes over 2000. All major field crop production declined (-14% to -46%), except for corn (+20%)..

ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND 4TH QUARTER 2000.
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 57-003-XPB

In Canada 4th quarter 2000, energy production increased +2.5% to 4,085 petajoules over the 4th quarter 1999. Final domestic demand increased +7.5% to 2000 petajoules, and exports increased +4.6% to 2,157 petajoules.

In Canada 2000, energy production increased +2.7% to 15.8 petajoules over 1999. Final domestic demand increased +4.0% to 7,419 petajoules, and exports increased +6.4% to 8,328 petajoules.

Note: One petajoules is approximates the amount of energy required to operate the Montreal subway system for one year.

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BUILDING PERMITS OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 64-001-XIE

In Canada October 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.0% to $3.3 billion over September 2001. Year-to-date value increased +8.7% to $33.3 billion over Jan-Oct 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -23.8% to $44.5 million over September 2001. Year-to-date value declined -23.2% to $589.7 million Jan-Oct 2001.

In Halifax October 2001, the value of building permits (seasonally adjusted) declined -42.4% to $13.0 million over September 2001. Year-to-date value declined -38.4% to $269.2 million over Jan-Oct 2001.

HELP-WANTED INDEX NOVEMBER 2001

In Canada November 2001, the help-wanted composite index (1996=100) declined -5.0% to 133 over October 2001, and declined -24.4% over November 2000.

In Nova Scotia November 2001, the help-wanted index (1996=100) declined -5.3% to 142 over October 2001, and declined -12.9% over November 2000.

DOMESTIC SALES OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS OCTOBER 2001

In Canada October 2001, sales of refined petroleum products declined -3.9% to 8.0 million cubic metres over October 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +0.8% to 78.6 million cubic metres over Jan-Oct 2001.

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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY NOVEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 71-001-PPB

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Seasonally Adjusted
(month over month)
In Canada November 2001 labour force increased +0.4% to 16.3 million, employment increased +0.1% to 15.1 million, unemployment increased +3.8% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.2 percentage points to 7.5% over October 2001.

In Nova Scotia November 2001 labour force declined -0.4% to 473,800, employment increased +0.2% to 430,400, unemployment declined -6.3% to 43,400 and the unemployment rate declined -0.5 percentage points to 9.2% over October 2001.

Unadjusted
(year over year)
In Canada November 2001 labour force increased +1.2% to 16.2 million, employment increased 0.5% to 15.1 million, unemployment increased +11.3% to 1.2 million, and the unemployment rate increased +0.6 percentage points to 7.1% over November 2000.

In Nova Scotia November 2001 labour force increased 2.2% to 469.4, employment increased +2.8% to 428,600, unemployment declined -3.3% to 40,900 and the unemployment rate declined -0.5 percentage points to 8.7% over November 2000.

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EMPLOYER-SPONSORED PENSION PLANS JANUARY 1, 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 74-401-XIB

In Canada December 31, 1999 the percentage of paid workers with registered pension plans was 40.7% or 5.3 million, an increase of 3.5% over 1997.

In Nova Scotia December 31, 1999 the percentage of paid workers with registered pension plans was 42.0%, or 156,871 workers.

BIRTHS 1999

In Canada 1999, the number of births declined -1.5% to 337,249 over 1998.

In Nova Scotia 1999, the number of births declined -0.2% to 9,575 over 1998.

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INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY UTILIZATION RATES 3RD QUARTER 2001

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, industrial capacity utilization rates declined -2.5 percentage points to 79.4% over the 2nd quarter 2001, and -7.0 percentage points over the 3rd quarter 2000.

NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-007-XPB

In Canada October 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.1% to 106.8 over September 2001, and increased +2.8% over October 2000.

In Halifax October 2001, the new housing price index (1992=100) increased +0.5% to 119.3 over September 2001, and increased +3.3% over October 2000.

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ESTIMATES OF HOUSEHOLD SPENDING 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62F0031XDB - 62F0035XDB and 62F0041XDB - 62F0045XDB
http://www.statcan.ca/english/Pgdb/People/Families/famil16b.htm

In Nova Scotia 2000, average household expenditure increased +6.0% to $48,620.

About 62% of average household spending in Nova Scotia was on personal taxes (19%), shelter (18%), transportation (14%) and food (11%).

In Canada 2000, average household spending increased +4.5% to $55,830.

Two thirds of average household spending was on personal taxes (22%), shelter (19%), transportation (14%) and food (11%).

Household spending on personal taxes (average 22%) by income quintile was 3% for the lowest, and 30% for the highest.

Household spending on shelter (average 19%) by income quintile was 31% for the lowest, and 15% for the highest.

Household spending on food (average 11%) by income quintile was 18% for the lowest, and 9% for the highest.

Households with internet services spent an average of $280, an increase of 7% over 1999. Average spending on purchases of new computers declined to $1570 from $1600 in 1999.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY 1999

In Canada 1999, construction industry total revenues increased +10.7% to $107.3 billion over 1998. The industry accounted for 5.2% of GDP and 5.3% of employment.

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Subject: Motor Vehicle Sales; Alternate Health Care; Public Sector Employment

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-007-XIB

In Canada October 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +2.9% to 131,265 over September 2001, and increased +6.1% over October 2000. Unadjusted unit sales increased +10.0% to 124,217 over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, new motor vehicle unit sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +12.9% to 3,640 over September 2001, and increased +3.3% over October 2000. Unadjusted unit sales increased +6.6% to 2,984 over October 2000.

ALTERNATE HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS 1998/99
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 82-003-XIE

In Canada 1998/99, the number of Canadians aged 18+ that consulted alternate health care practitioners increased to 17% (3.8 million people) from 15% in 1994/95.

In Atlantic Canada between 3% and 9% of the population aged 18+ consulted alternative health care practitioners (Central Canada = 15%, Western Canada = between 21-25%)

Alternate health care practitioners include chiropractors, massage therapists, acupuncturists, homeopaths and naturopaths.

PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT 3RD QUARTER 2001

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, public sector employment increased +0.3% to 2.7 million over the 3rd quarter 2000. (Federal = 358,616; Provincial = 1,322,178; Local = 790,176, Govt Business = 270,449)

In Nova Scotia 3rd quarter 2001, public sector employment declined -1.1% to 99,056 over the 3rd quarter 2000. (Federal = 23,502; Provincial = 46,761; local = 22,730; Govt Business = 6,064)

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COMPOSITE INDEX, NOVEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada, Cat. No. 11-010-XPB

In Canada November 2001, the composite leading indicator (1992=100) declined -0.1% to 166.2 over October 2001.
A positive note: the unsmoothed composite index increased +0.7% to 166.3 over October 2001.

Two of ten indices were positive. (down from 5 from October)

Business and personal services employment increased +0.2% to 2.5 million
The money supply (M1 1992$) increased +1.3% to $100.2 billion.

Seven of ten indices were negative. (up from 3 in October)

The housing index (1992=100) declined -0.5% to 110.5.
The TSE 300 stock price index (1975=1000) declined -0.8% to 7,248.
The average workweek (manufacturing) declined -0.3% to 38.8 hours.
New orders, durables (1992$) declined -1.5% to $21.2 billion.
The shipments to inventories of finished goods ratio declined to 1.68 from 1.70 in September..
Furniture and appliances sales (1992$) declined -0.1% to $1.6 billion.
Other durable goods sales (1992$) declined -1.1% to $7.1 billion

One of ten indices were unchanged.

The US composite leading indicator (1992=100) remained unchanged at 107.7.

MULTIFACTOR PRODUCTIVITY 2001

In Canada 2000, multifactor productivity for the business sector increased +1.0% over 1999.
Output increased +5.2% and inputs increased 4.2% in 2000.

*Multifactor productivity growth-the growth of output minus the growth of the combined inputs-is designed to measure the joint influences on economic growth of technological change, efficiency improvements, returns to scale and other factors. Multifactor productivity, therefore, differs from the labour productivity (growth of output minus growth of hours worked) .

THE MALE-FEMALE WAGE GAP 1997
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 75-001-XIE Vol 2 No. 12

In Canada 1997, the average annual earnings of women was 61.6% of the average annual earnings of men.

In Canada 1997, the average hourly pay rates of women was 80.4% of the average hourly pay rates of men.

When accounting for differences in work experience, occupation, industry, education level and major field of study, the average hourly wage of women was 89.4% of the average hourly wage of men.

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MANUFACTURING SHIPMENTS OCTOBER 2001
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In Nova Scotia October 2001, manufacturers' shipments increased +0.7% to $736 million over September 2001.

In Canada October 2001, manufacturers' shipments (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.9% to $40.4 billion over September 2001, and declined -9.6% over October 2000.

Inventories declined -0.9% to $63.4 billion over September 2001, and declined -1.2% over October 2000.

Unfilled orders declined -1.8% to $47.9 billion over September 2001, and declined -3.1% over October 2000.

New orders declined -5.1% to $39.5 billion over September 2001, and declined -10.7% over October 2000.

The inventory-to-shipments ratio increased to 1.57 from 1.54 in September 2001, and increased from 1.41 in October 2000.

CRIME RATE COMPARISONS: CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES 2000
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 85-002-XPE Vol 21 No 11

In Canada 2000 the homicide rate per 100,000 population was 1.8, while in the United States it was 5.5.

In Canada the aggravated assault rate was 143 per 100,000 population, while in the United States it was 324.

In Canada the break and enter rate was 954 per 100,000, and in the United States it was 728.

In Canada the rate of motor vehicle theft was 521 per 100,000, and in the United States it was 414.

TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND OTHER COUNTRIES OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 66-001-PIB

In Canada October 2001, the number of Canadian trips abroad (seasonally adjusted) declined -4.8% to 2.9 million over September 2001. Year-over-year trips (unadjusted) declined -29.1% to 2.7 million over October 2000.

In Canada October 2001, the number of foreigners traveling to Canada declined -1.2% to 3.2 million trips over September 2001. Year-over-year trips (unadjusted) declined -26.9% to 2.7 million over October 2000.

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INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE OCTOBER 2001
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In Canada October 2001, the international merchandise trade surplus was $4.2 billion. The year-to-date trade surplus was $54.9 billion.

In Canada October 2001, international trade exports (seasonally adjusted) declined --1.0% to $32.4 billion over September 2001 and declined -10.1% over October 2000. Year-to-date exports increased +0.3% to $350.4 billion over Jan-Oct 2000.

In Canada October 2001, international merchandise trade imports declined -0.6% to $28.2 billion over September 2001, and declined -7.0% over October 2000. Year-to-date imports declined -1.9% to $295.6 billion over Jan-Oct 2000.

WHOLESALE TRADE OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-008-XIB

In Canada October 2001, wholesale merchants' sales declined -0.9% to $32.2 billion over September 2001, and increased +0.8% over October 2000. Inventories increased +1.1% to $43.5 billion over September 2001, and increased +0.7% over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, wholesale merchants' sales (seasonally adjusted) declined -2.7% to $592 million over September 2001, and increased +1.8% over October 2000.

NATURAL GAS SALES OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 55-002-XIB

In Canada October 2001, natural gas sales declined -4.2% to 5.3 billion cubic metres over October 2000. Year-to-date sales declined -6.2% to 57.0 billion cubic metres over Jan-Oct 2000.

YOUTH CUSTODY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 1999/2000
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 85-002-XIE

In Nova Scotia 1999/2000, the incarceration rate per 10,000 youths was 18, a -23% decline over 1995/96. The daily average of youths in custody was 135. The probation rate per 10,000 youths was 166. The average total at month-end was 1,261.

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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NOVEMBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 62-001-XIB

In Canada November 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.9% to 115.8 over October 2001, and increased +0.7% over November 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) declined -0.2% to 114.9 over October 2001, and increased +1.7% over November 2000. Excluding the eight most volatile components* CPI declined -0.3% to 117.8 over October 2001, and increased +1.7% over November 2000.

In Nova Scotia November 2001, the consumer price index (1992=100) declined -0.3% to 116.1 over October 2001, and declined -0.1% over November 2000. Core CPI (consumer price index excluding food and energy) increased +0.1% to 115.5 over October 2001, and increased +2.2% over November 2000.

RETAIL TRADE OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 63-005-XIB

In Canada October 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.7% to $24.2 billion over September 2001, and increased +3.7% over October 2000. Unadjusted retail sales increased +5.4% to $24.0 billion over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, retail sales (seasonally adjusted) increased +1.1% to $736 million over September 2001, and increased +4.5% over October 2000. Unadjusted retail sales increased +5.8% to $716 million over October 2000.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OCTOBER 2001

In Canada October 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits increased +1.3% to 537,920 and increased +15.5% over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, the number of beneficiaries (seasonally adjusted) receiving regular benefits declined -4.9% to 28,220 over September 2001 and declined -3.3% over October 2000.

DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 91-002-XPB

As of October 1, 2001 the estimated population of Canada increased +0.2% to 31,156,393 over October 1, 2000.

As of October 1, 2001 the estimated population of Nova Scotia remained unchanged at 943,031 over October 1, 2000.

DEPARTMENT STORE SALES NOVEMBER 2001

In Canada November 2001, department store sales including concessions increased +7.0% to $2.1 billion over November 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +8.1% to $16.7 billion over Jan-Nov 2000.

In Nova Scotia November 2001, department store sales including concessions increased +20.1% to $76.6 million over

November 2000. Year-to-date sales increased +5.8% to $493.2 million over Jan-Nov 2000.

Notes
- the Bank of Canada's new target (Monetary Policy Report November 2001) for core CPI is 2%, plus or minus 1% (i.e. between 1% and 3%)
- Most volatile components are fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; inter-city transportation; tobacco products and smokers' supplies..

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CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 67-002-XPB

In Canada October 2001, net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of $13.5 billion. Year-to-date net foreign investment in Canadian securities was an inflow of +$25.0 billion.

In Canada October 2001, net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an inflow of $3.4 billion.. Year-to-date net Canadian investment in foreign securities was an outflow of -$28.6 billion.

Note: Outflow indicates an outflow of money from Canada - either Canadians investing abroad, or foreigners withdrawing assets. Inflow indicates an inflow of money into Canada - either Canadians withdrawing assets from abroad or foreigners investing in Canada.

LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY 3RD QUARTER 2001

In Canada 3rd quarter 2001, labour productivity (seasonally adjusted) increased +0.8% over the previous quarter, and increased +0.3% over the same quarter last year.

Compared to the 3rd quarter 2000, real gross domestic product in the 3rd quarter 2001 remained unchanged, hours worked declined -0.4%, hourly compensation increased +3.5% and unit labour cost increased +3.3%.

EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS, AND HOURS OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat No. 72-002-XIB

In Canada October 2001, average weekly earnings increased +0.2% to $669.99 over September 2001, and increased +2.0% over October 2000. Employment remained unchanged at 12.8 million over September 2001, and increased +0.1% over October 2000.

In Nova Scotia October 2001, average weekly earnings increased +0.5% to $572.92 over September 2001, and increased +1.3% over October 2000. Employment declined -0.6% to 355,000 over September 2001, and remained unchanged over October 2000.

FARM PRODUCT PRICE INDEX OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. NO. 21-007-XIB

In Canada October 2001, the farm product price index (1997=100) declined -2.0% to 99.7 over September 2001, and increased +6.4% over October 2000.

The FPPI(Crops) declined -1.1% to 91.3 over September 2001, and increased +10.7% over October 2000. The FPPI(Livestock) declined -2.5% to 107.1 over September 2001, and increased +1.0% over October 2000.

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GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT BY INDUSTRY OCTOBER 2001
Statistics Canada Cat. No. 15-001-XIE

In Canada October 2001, monthly gross domestic product by industry at basic prices ($1997) increased +0.3% to $932.1 billion (annualized) over September 2001, and declined -0.6% over October 2000.

Goods-producing industries increased +0.2% to $291.9 billion over September 2001, and declined -4.9% over October 2000.

Services-producing industries increased +0.3% to $640.2 billion over September 2001, and increased +1.5% over October 2000.

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING THE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY:

This is to inform you that contrary to the announcement made in the LHSB News-November 2001 on the Occupational Coding Revisions, the revised historical occupation data will be implemented for the release of the January LFS data instead of the February release.

For more information, call Jacques Ouellet (613) 951-4168, Labour Statistics Division, Statistics Canada

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